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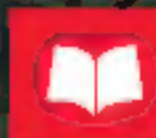


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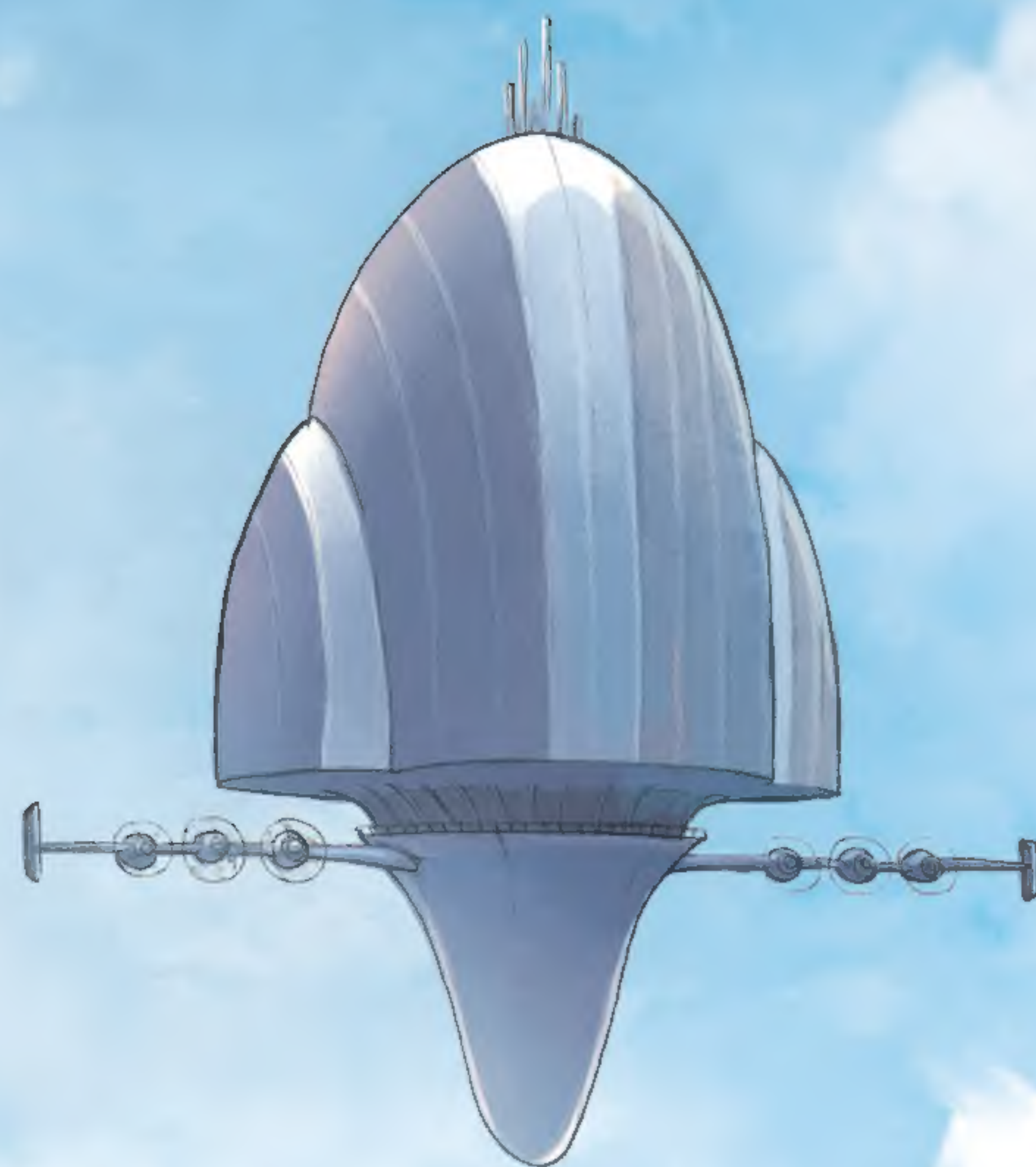


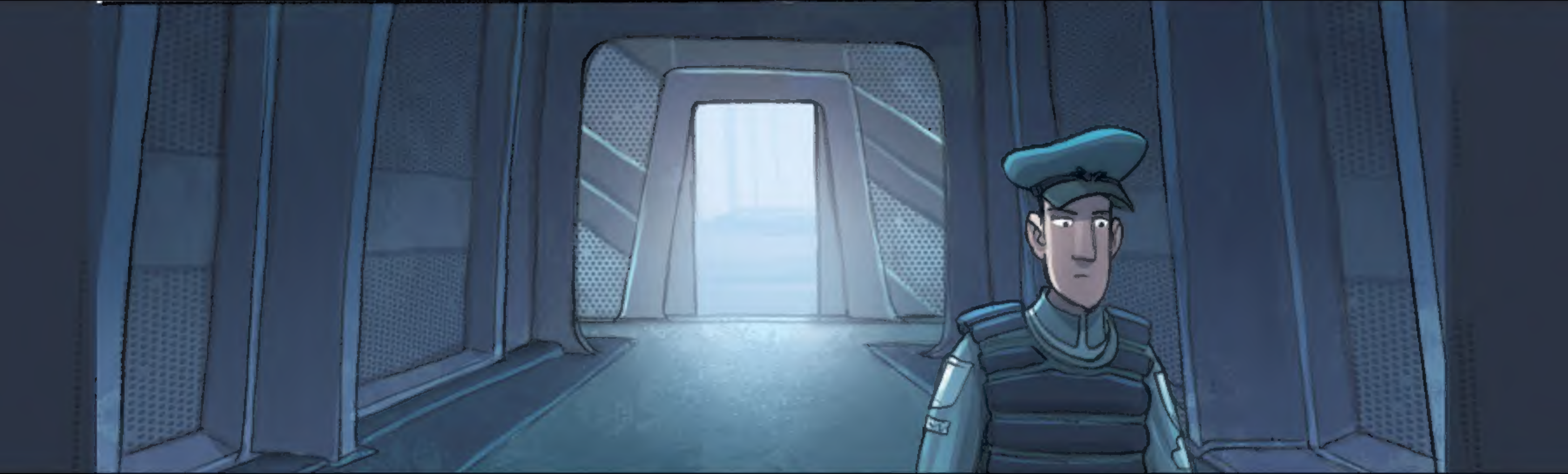
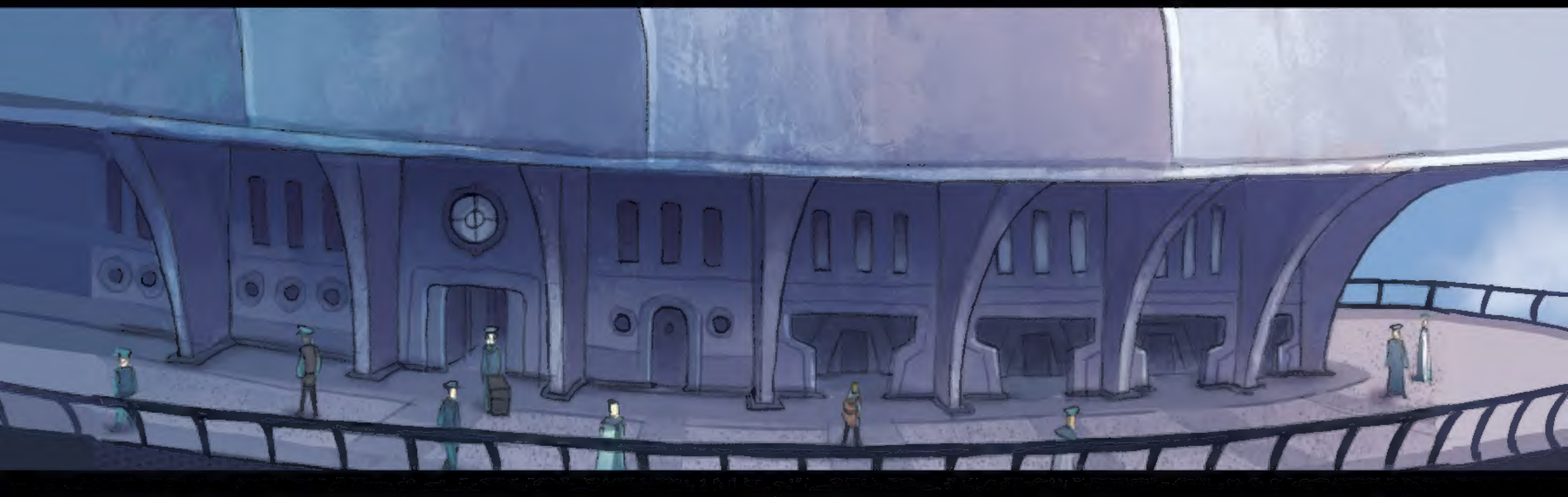
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AGAINST?



NO ONE
YET.

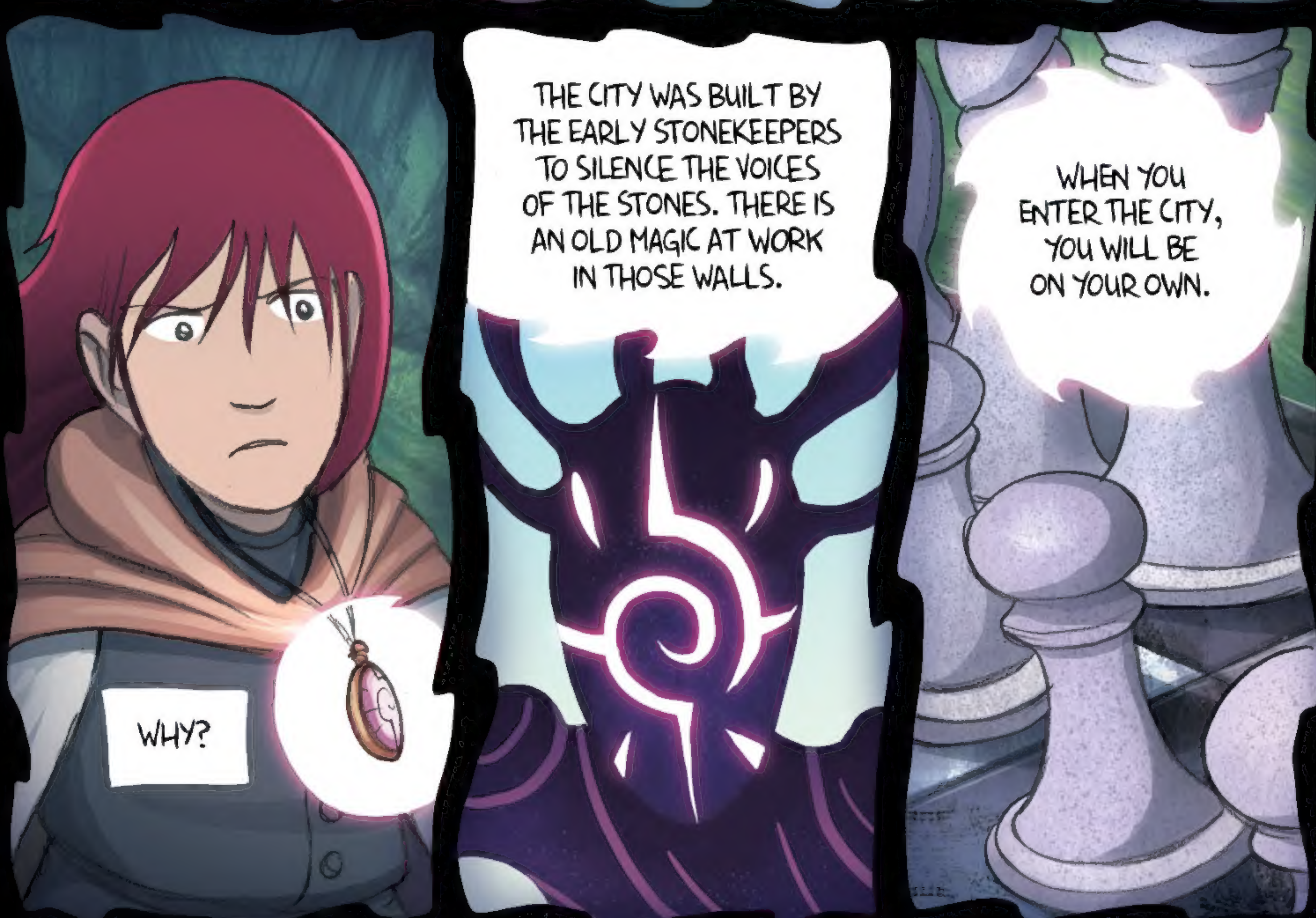
I'M SIMPLY
PREPARING.



WE'RE ABOUT
TO ENTER CIELIS
AND YOU'VE BEEN
SO QUIET.



I WAS
STARTING
TO THINK
SOMETHING
WAS WRONG.



I DON'T MEAN
TO BE RUDE,
BUT THAT SOUNDS
GREAT.



YOU ARE VERY
TALENTED, AND
YOU HAVE STRONG
INTUITION.

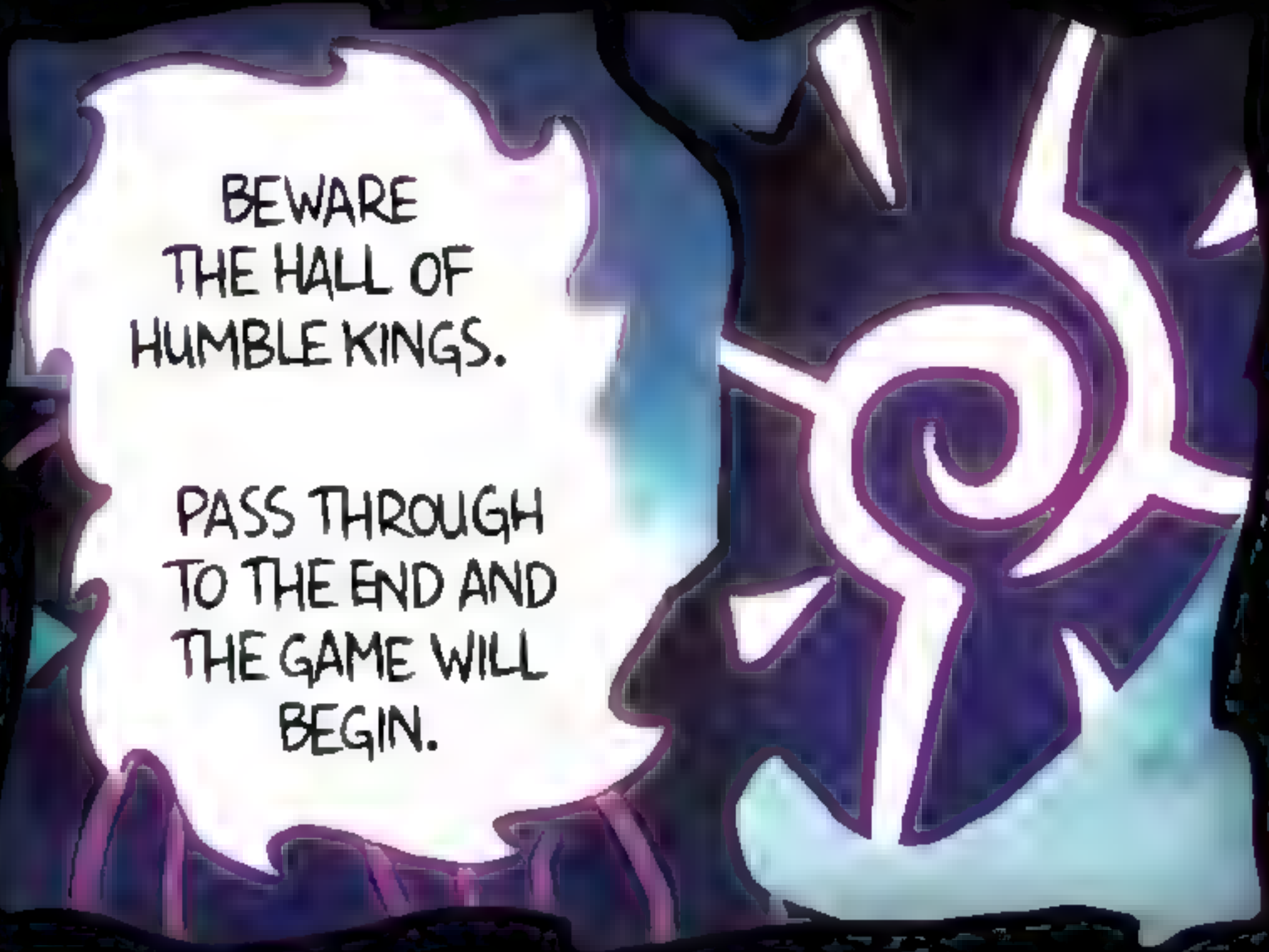


BUT YOU WILL
STILL NEED MY
GUIDANCE IN
THE END.





I WILL BE
GONE SOON,
SO I WILL LEAVE
YOU WITH A
WARNING.



BEWARE
THE HALL OF
HUMBLE KINGS.

PASS THROUGH
TO THE END AND
THE GAME WILL
BEGIN.



WHAT IS THAT
SUPPOSED TO
MEAN?



WHAT WILL I
FIND AT THE
END?



IT'S BETTER
THAT YOU DO
NOT KNOW.

WHY KEEP
SECRETS FROM
ME?

I'M YOUNG, BUT
THAT DOESN'T MEAN
I DON'T KNOW WHAT
I'M DOING.

YOU ARE
NOT READY.

It's
over!



NOT YET.
YOU WILL BE
SOON.

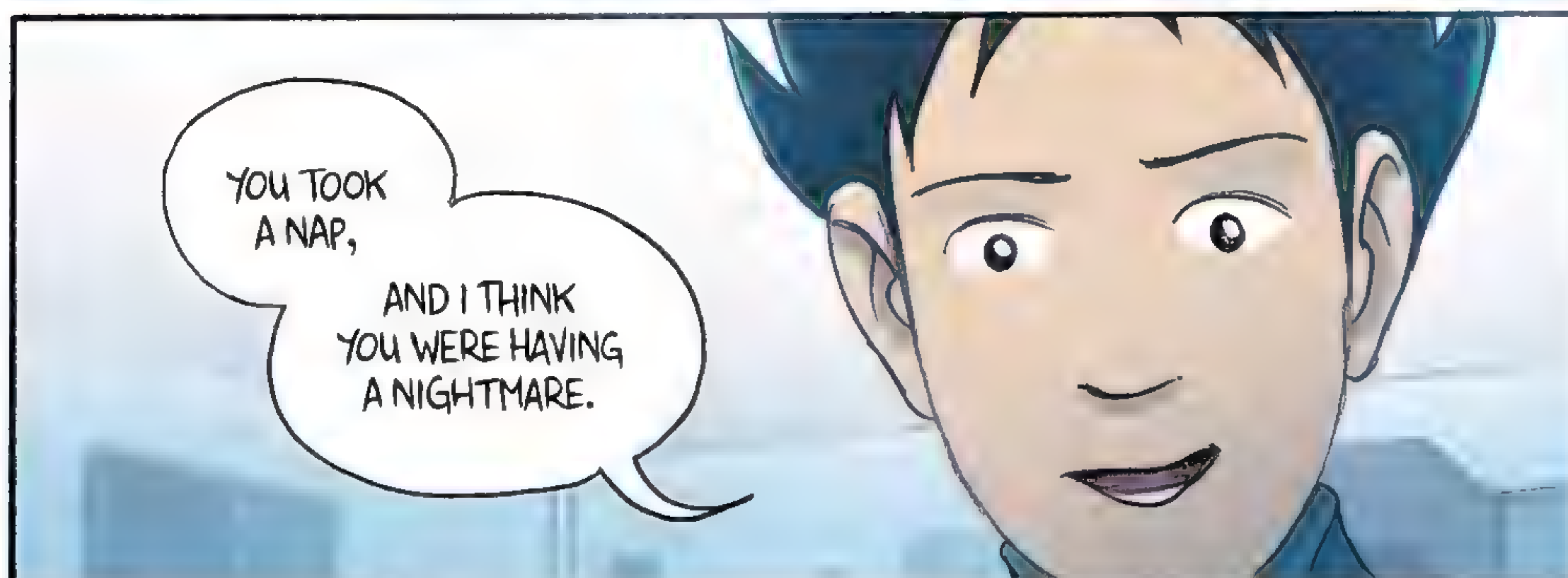
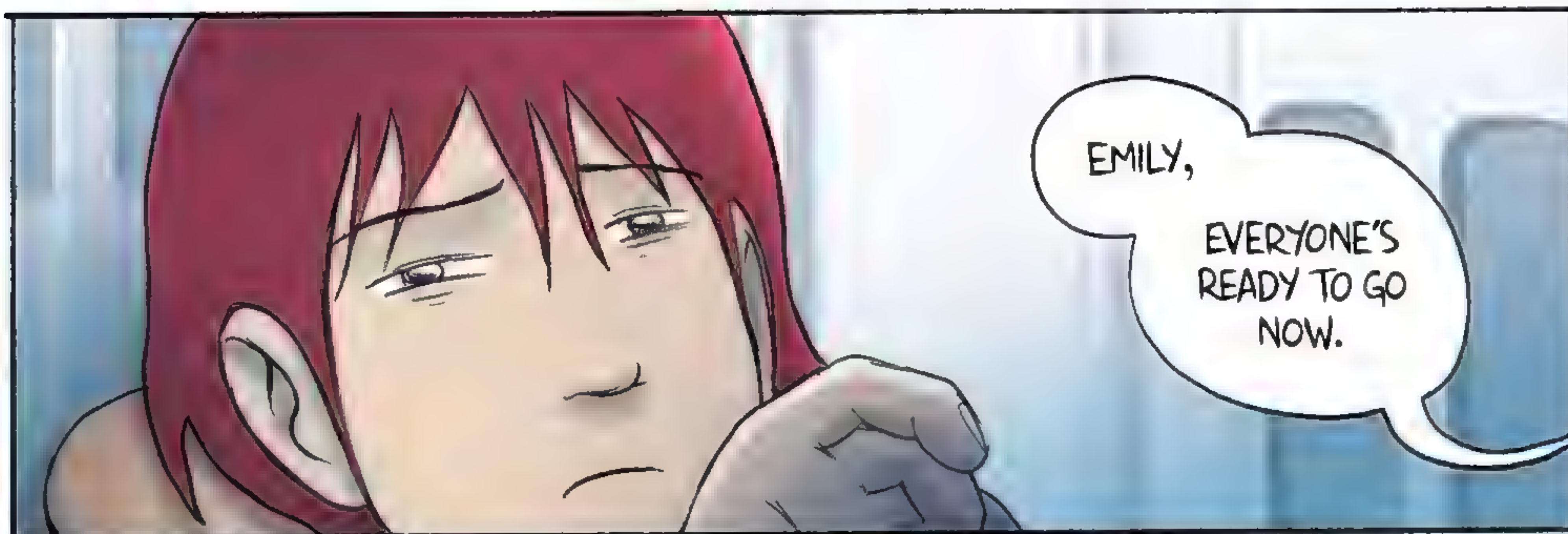
WHEN YOU
BEGIN TO REALIZE
THE TRUE WEIGHT
OF YOUR ACTIONS...

...YOU WILL AWAKEN
TO BECOME THE
PERSON THIS WORLD
NEEDS YOU TO BE.



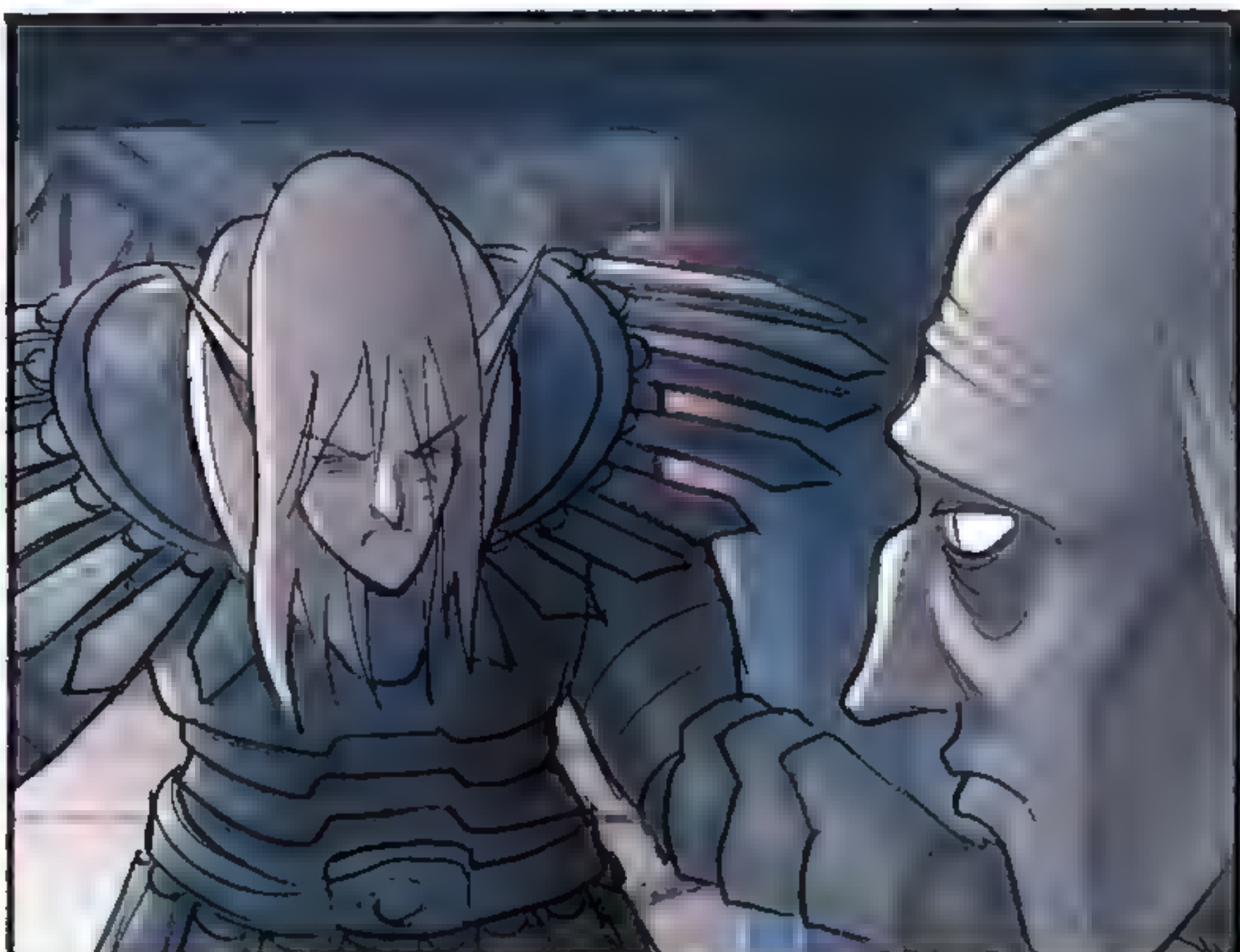
GOOD LUCK,
YOUNG MASTER.

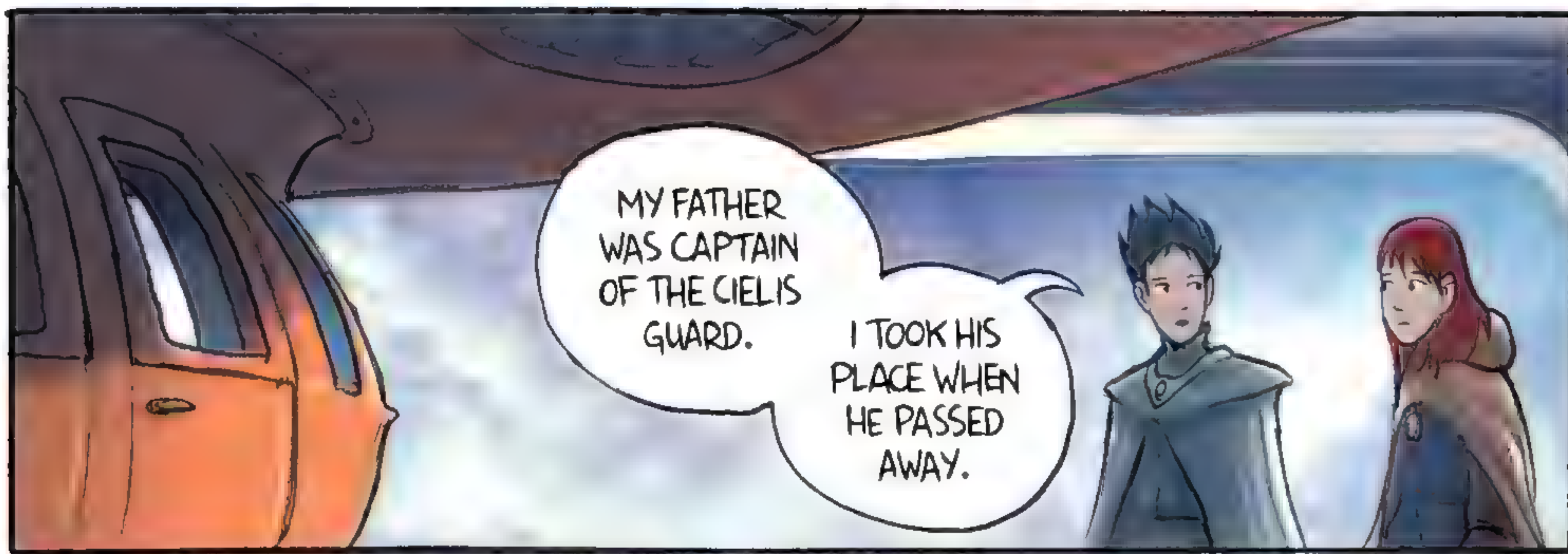


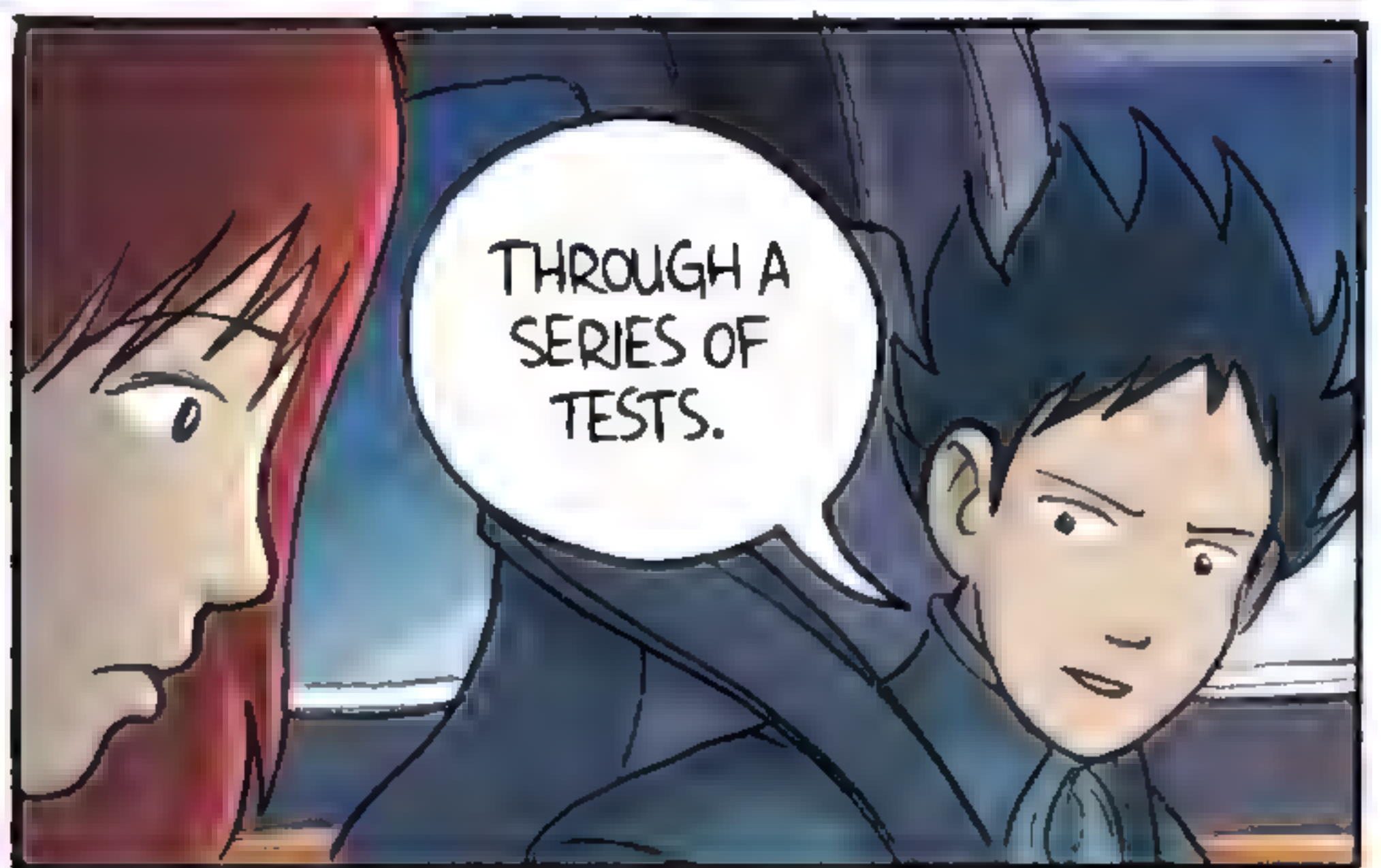




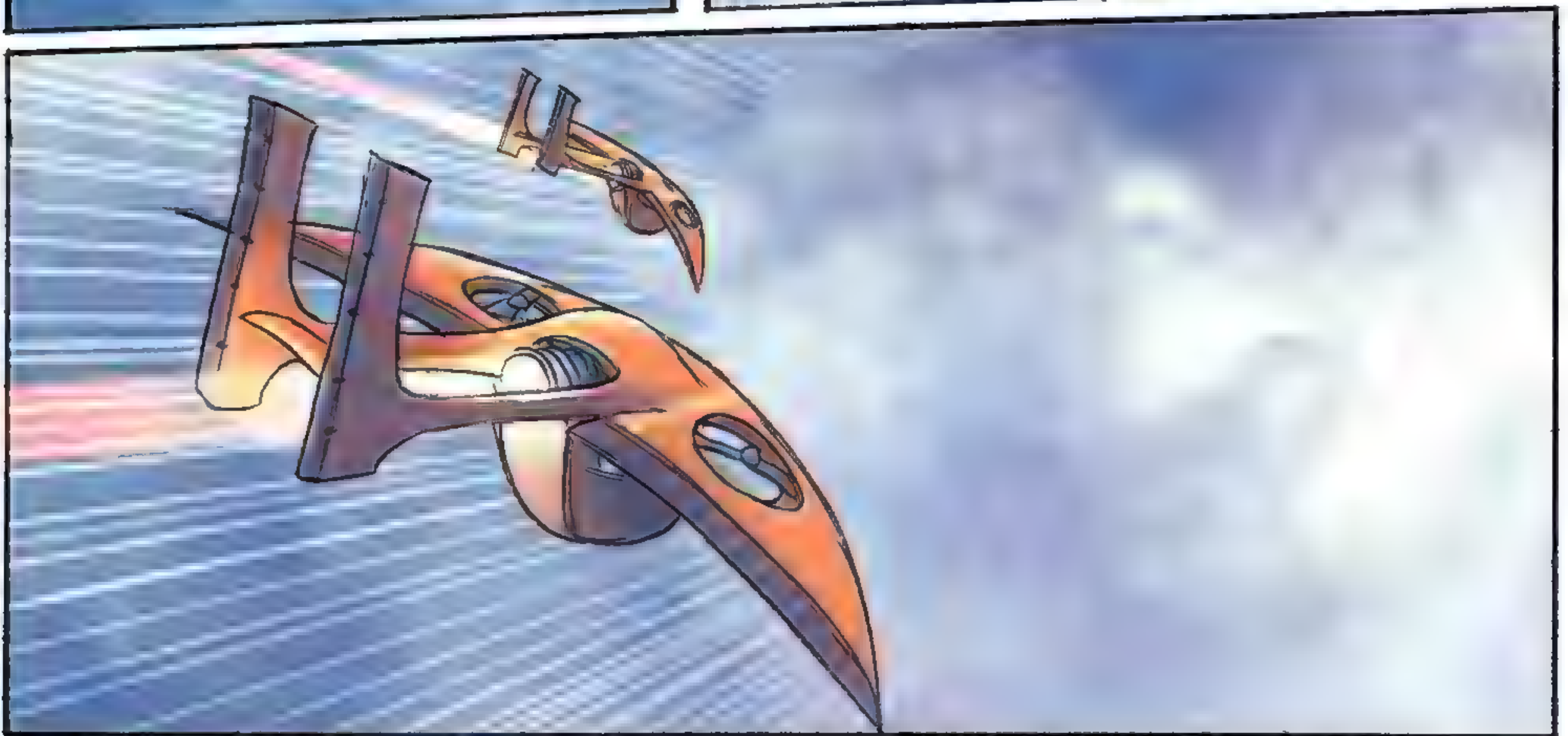




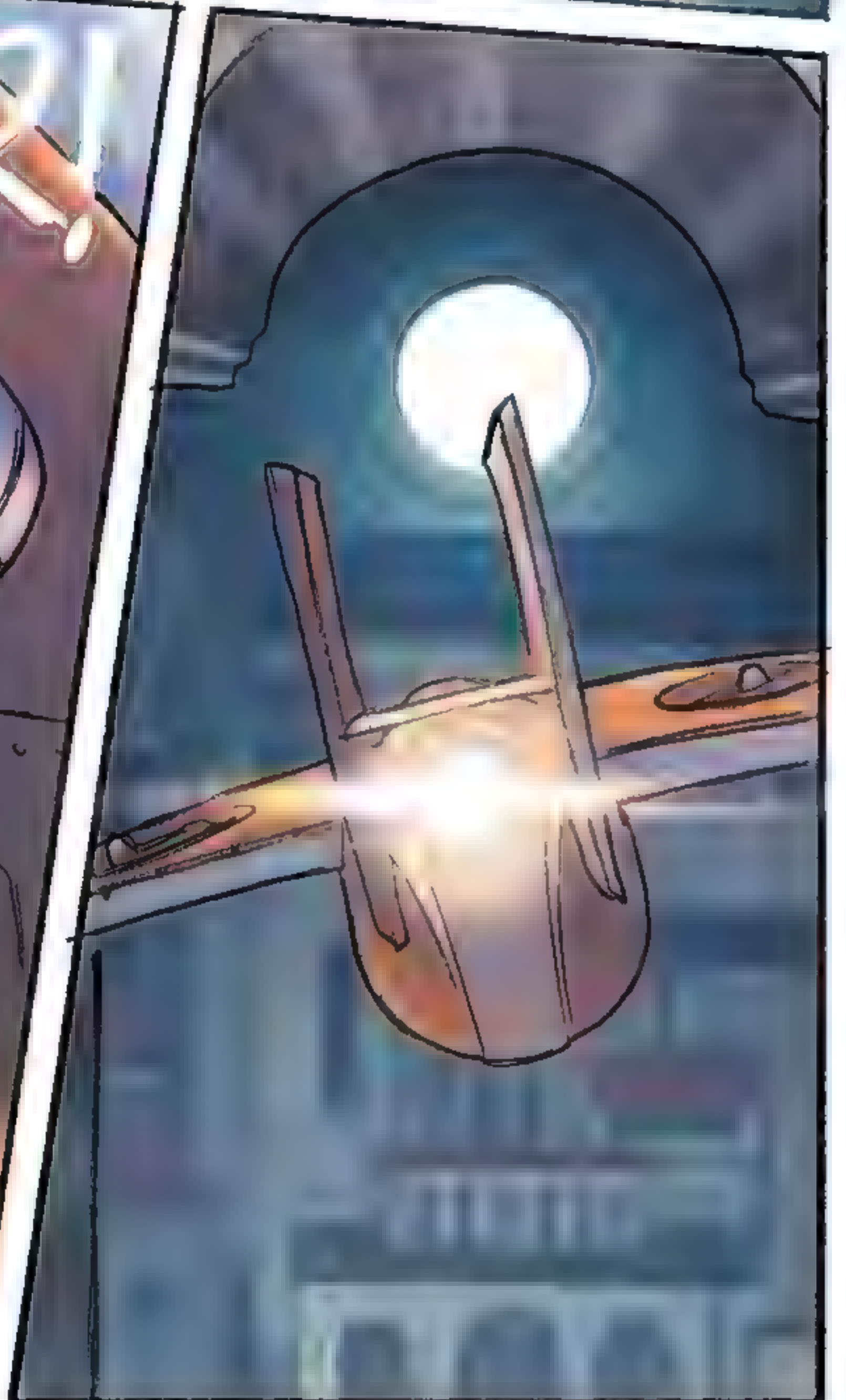
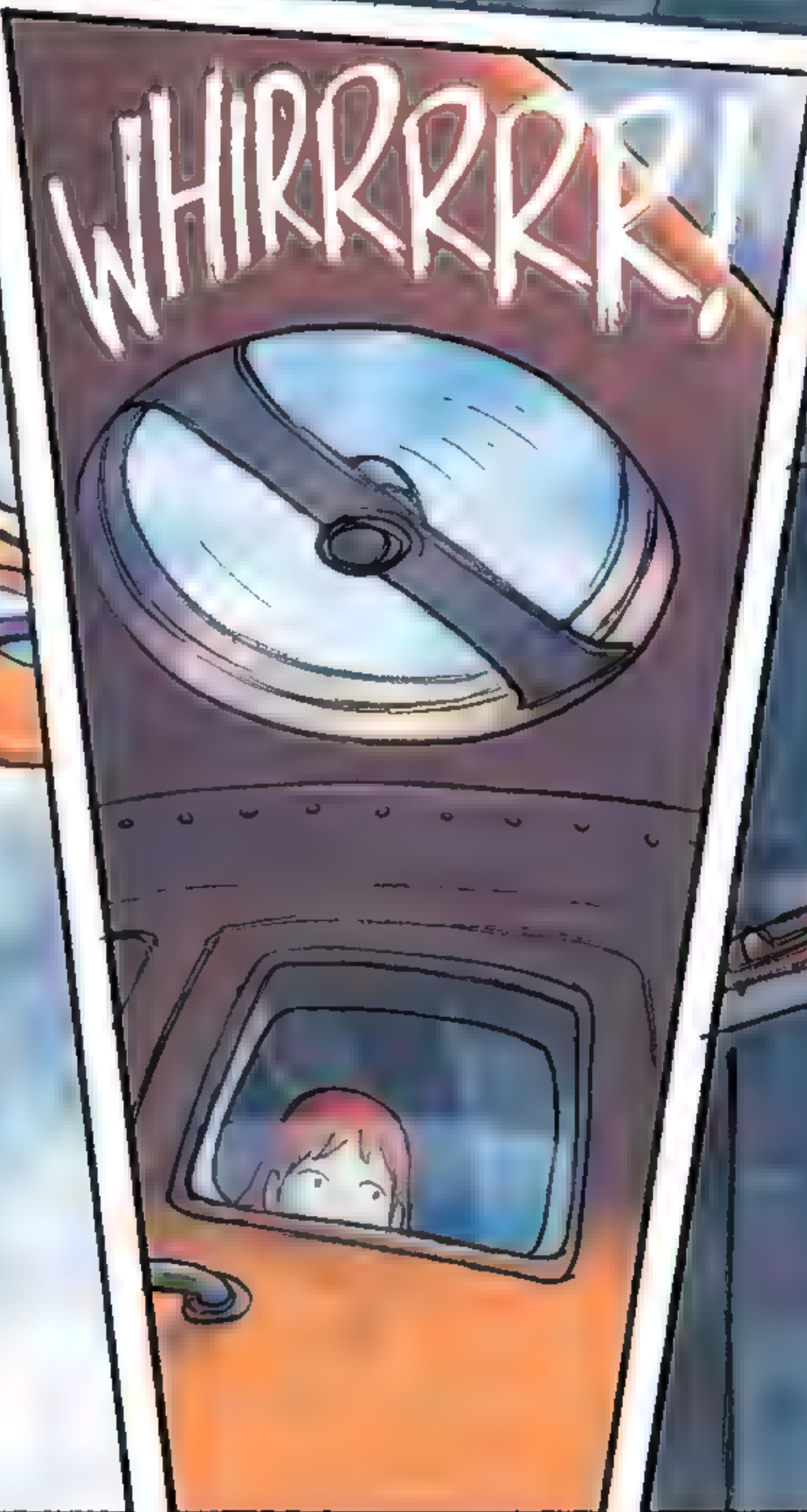
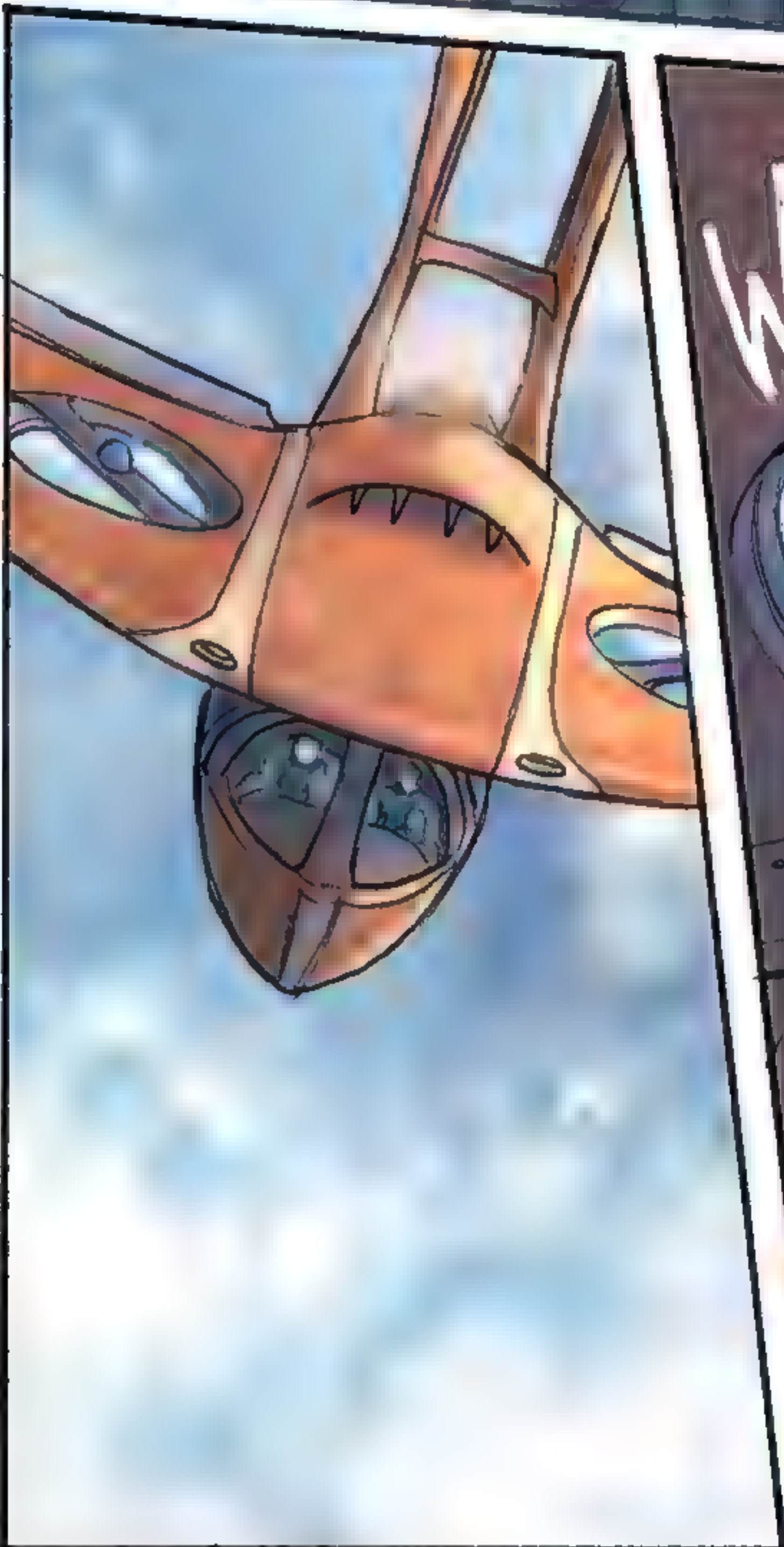
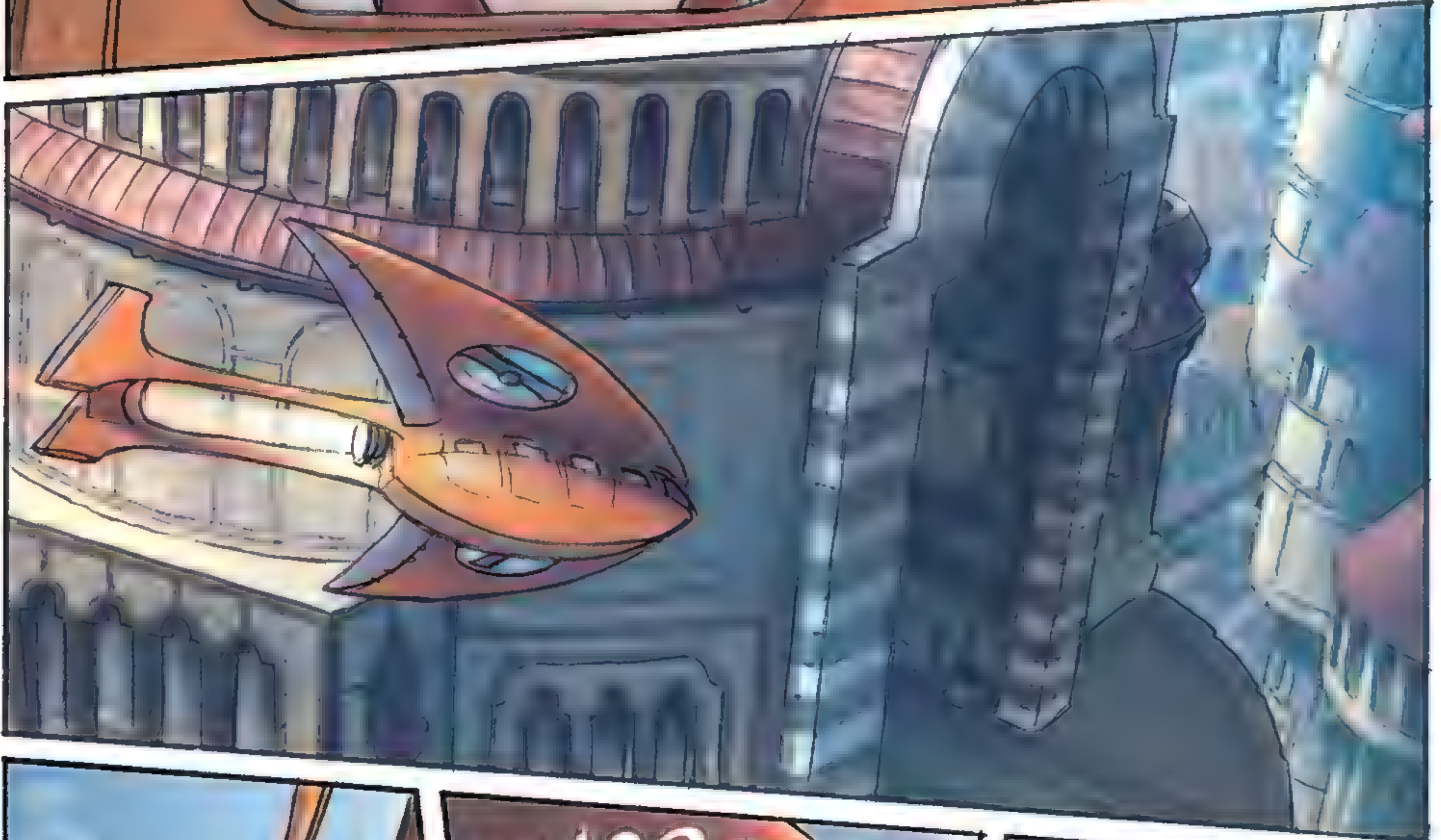
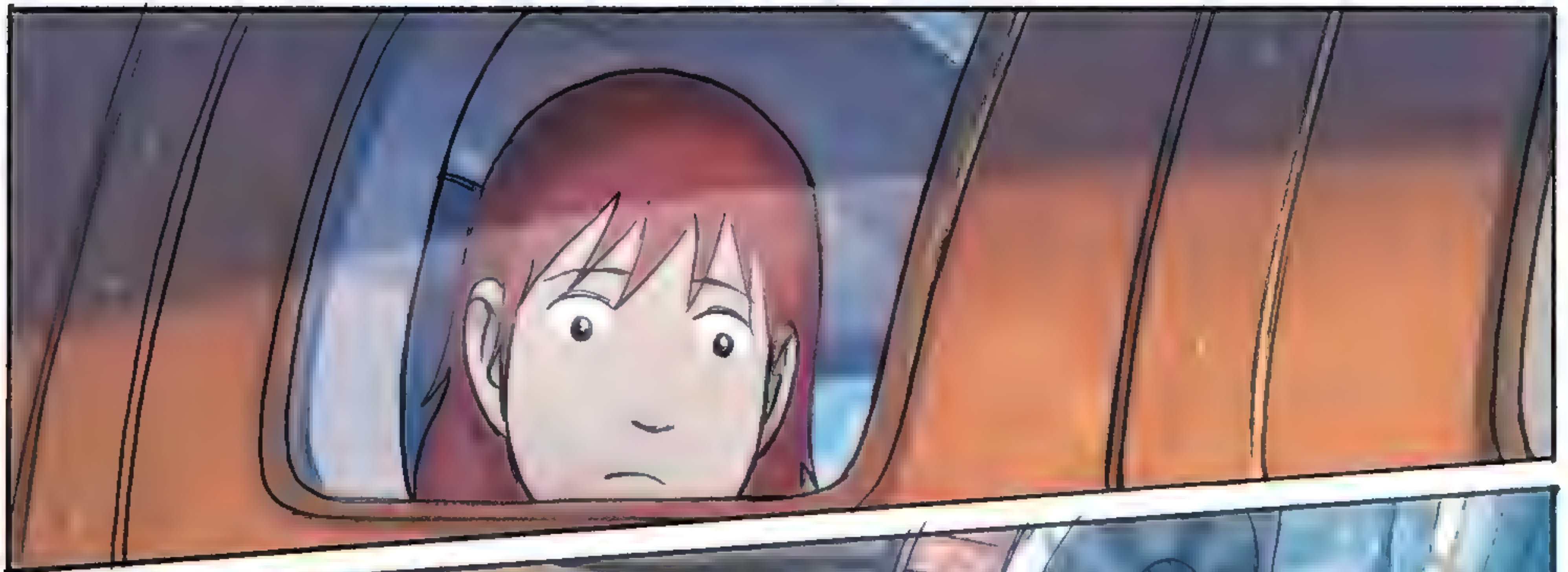
















YOU ARE NOT
AUTHORIZED TO
GO BEYOND THIS
POINT.

BUT I'M
WITH THEM.



ONLY STONE-
KEEPERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES
ARE ALLOWED
ACCESS TO THE
ACADEMY.

BUT I WAS
ORDERED BY THE
GUARDIAN COUNCIL
TO DELIVER THE
STONEKEEPER
MYSELF.



DO YOU HAVE
PAPERWORK?

HEY,
LEON --

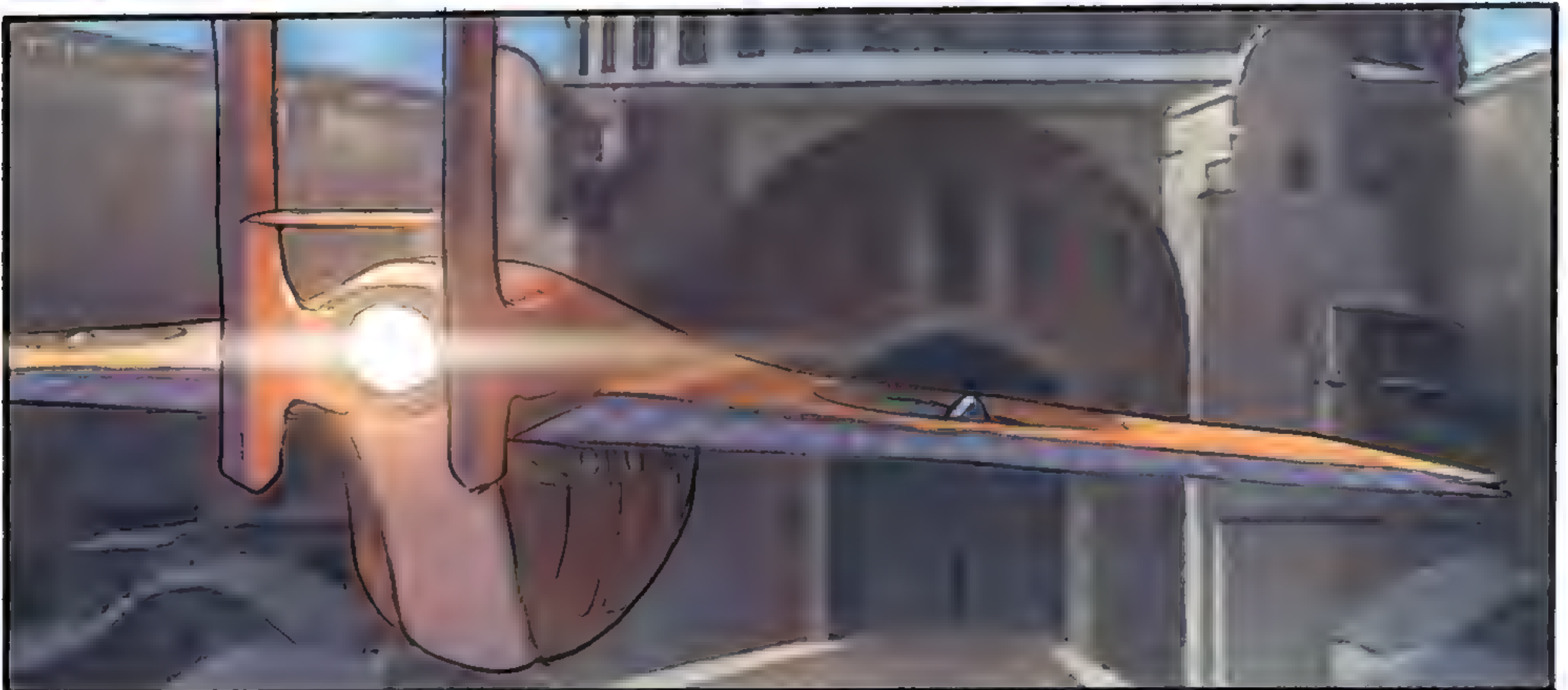
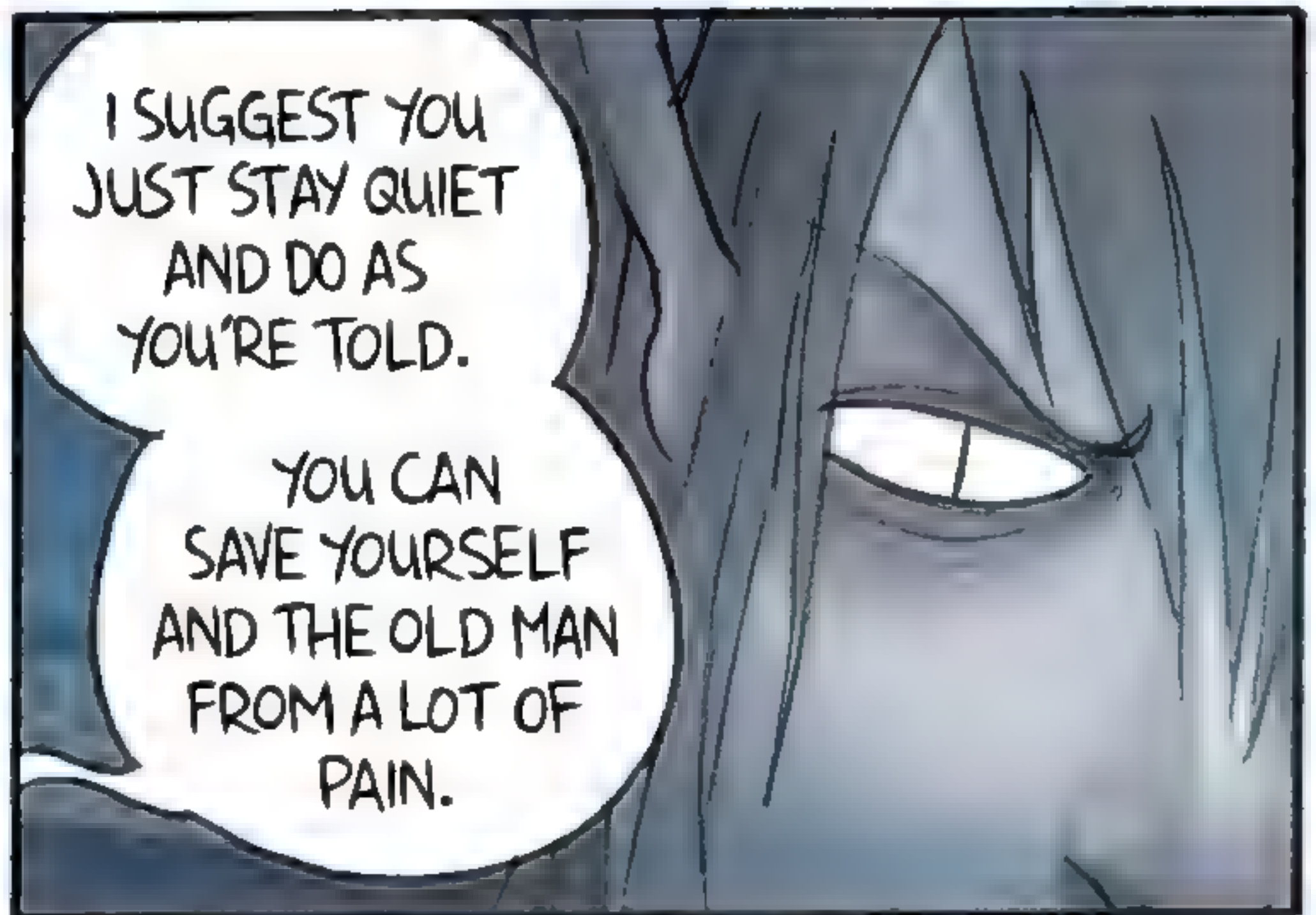
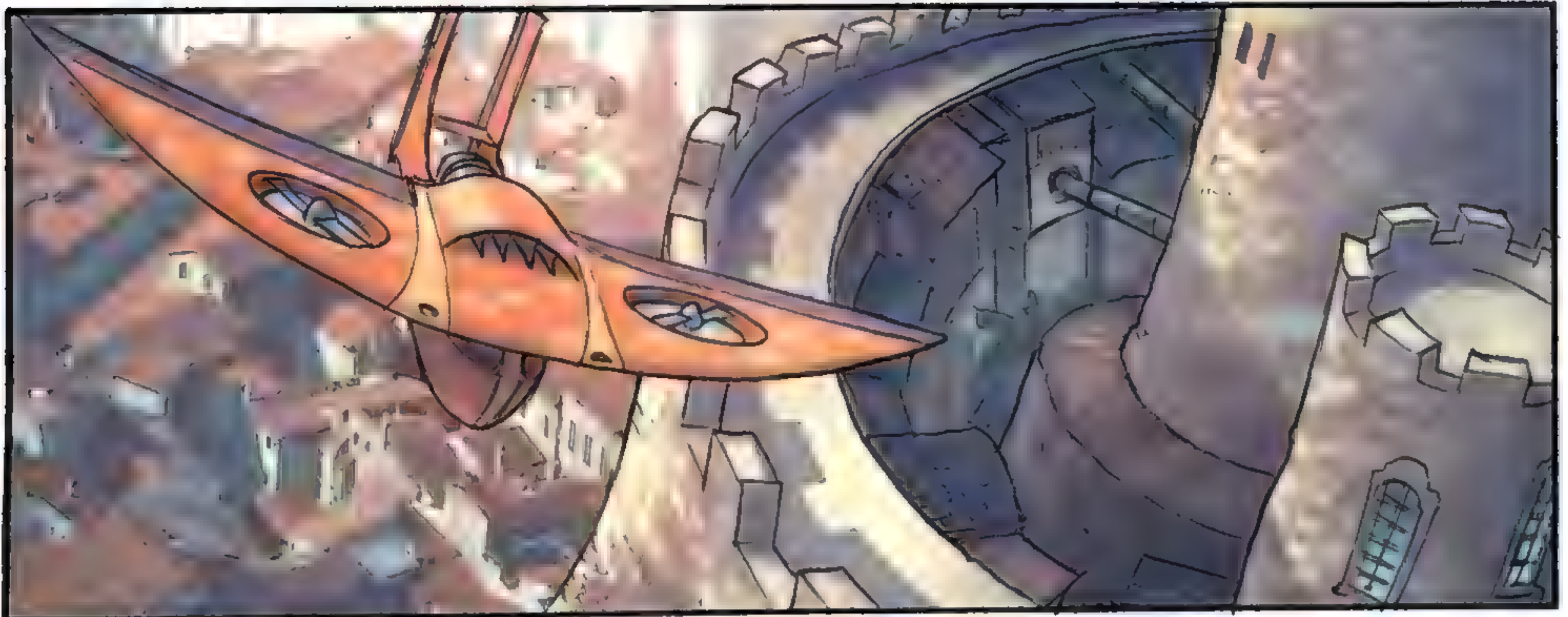
PAPERWORK?

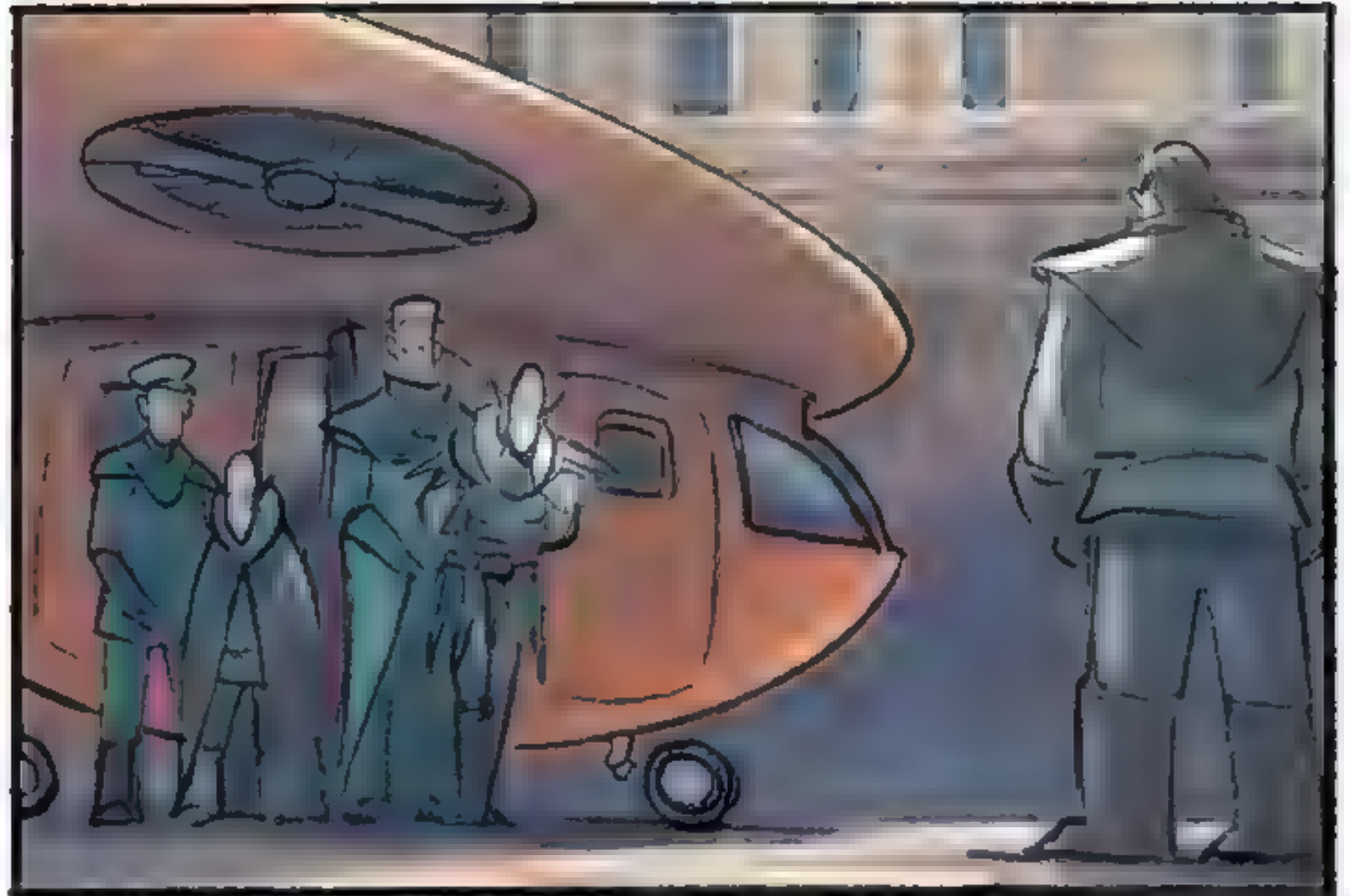
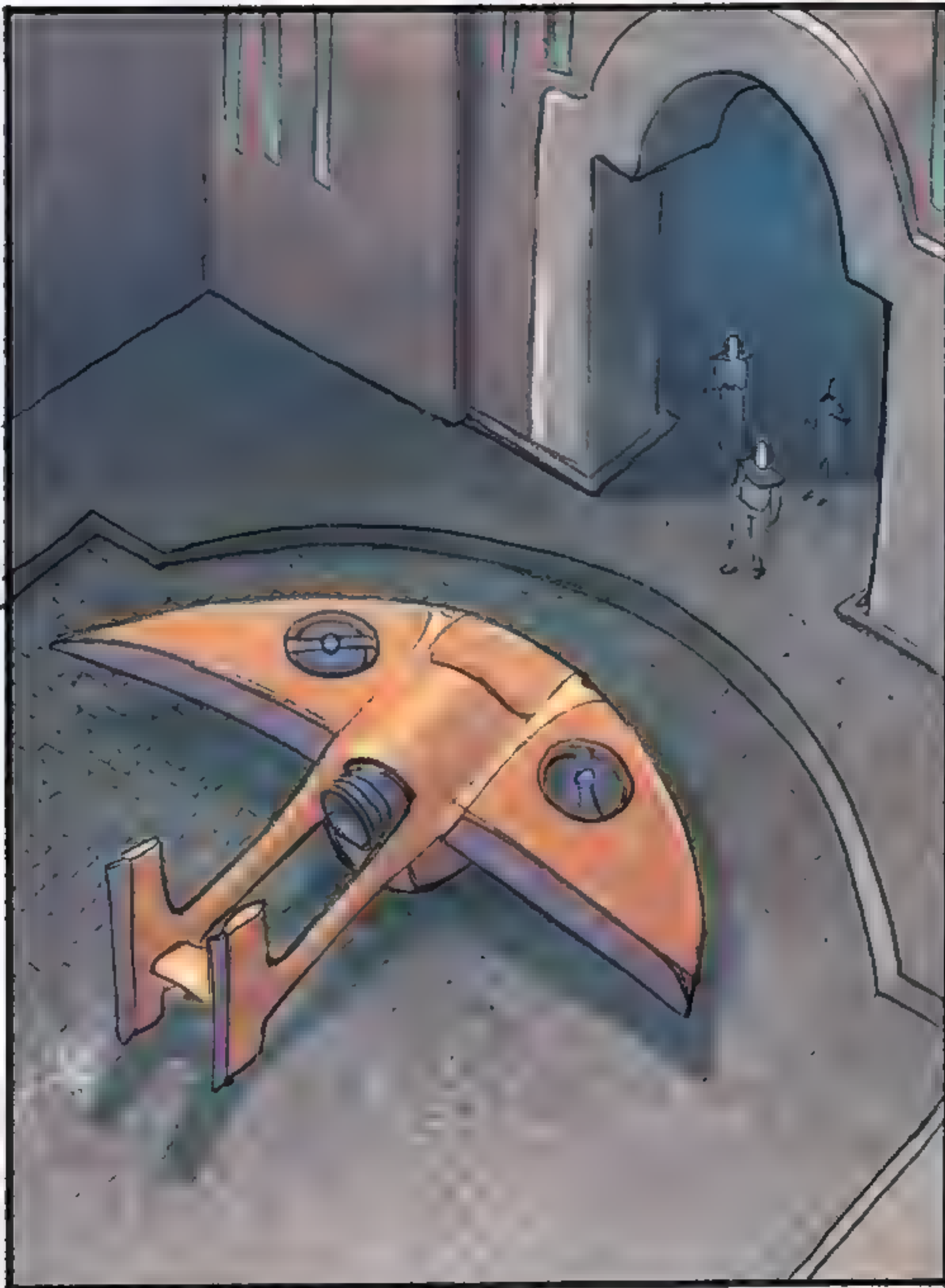
LET ME
SPEAK TO YOUR
SUPERIOR!



JUST LET
IT GO.







WELCOME
TO YARBORO
PRISON.



A LITTLE BIRD
TOLD ME THAT YOU
ARE THE SON OF
THE DEVIL HIMSELF.

WHEN I HEARD
THAT THE ELF KING
WAS YOUR FATHER,
I ASKED TO BE IN
CHARGE OF YOU,
PERSONALLY.



NOW, YOU SHOULD
KNOW THAT MY FAMILY
WAS KILLED BY YOUR
PEOPLE BACK IN
THE WAR.



AND I'M THE
KIND OF MAN
WHO DOESN'T
FORGET THINGS
TOO EASILY.



AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE THE FINEST JAILHOUSE FACILITIES IN THE SKIES.

THIS IS CELL BLOCK FOUR, AN AREA RESERVED FOR OUR FOREIGN GUESTS.



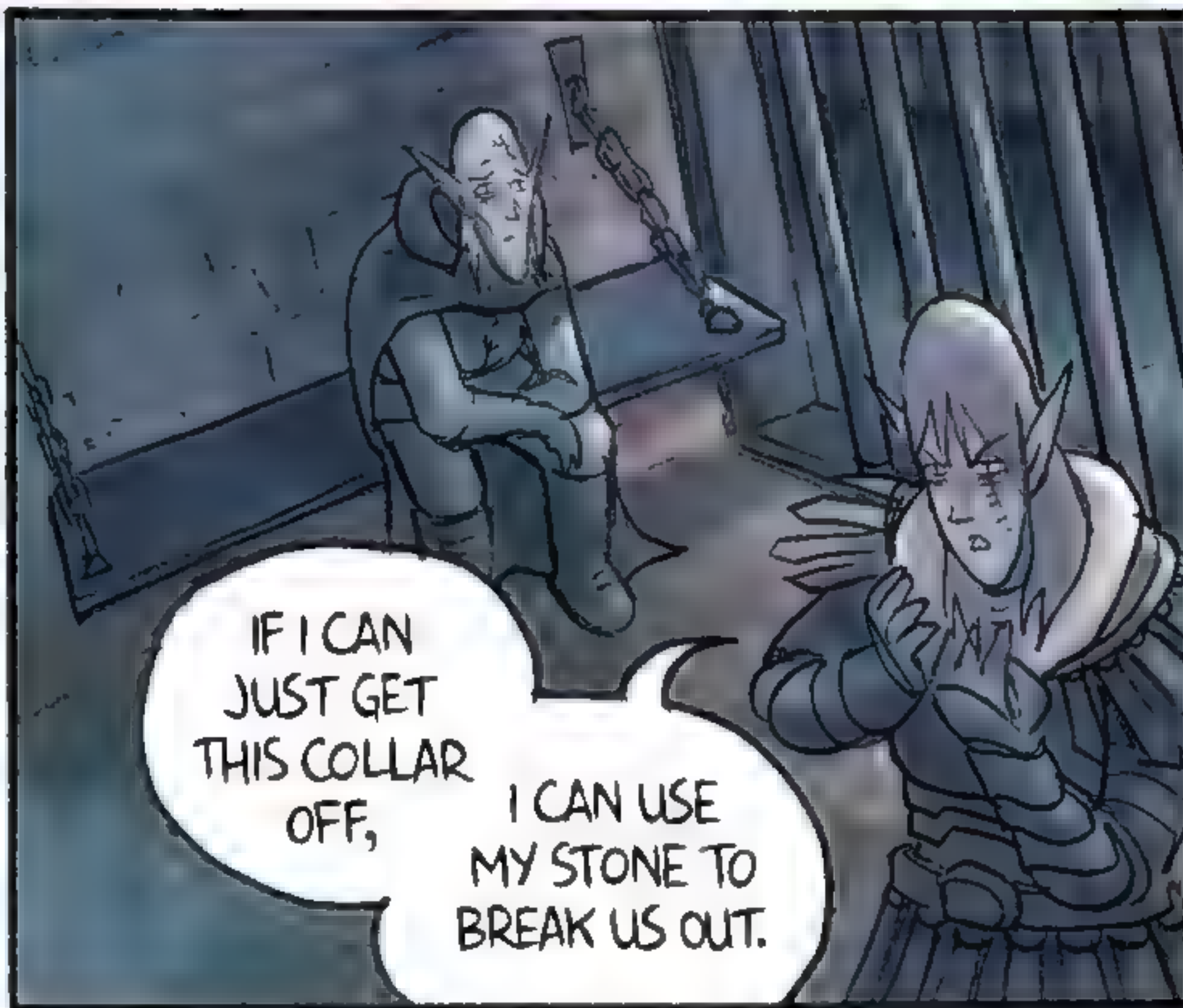
THE COUNCIL PLANS TO PUT YOU TWO ON TRIAL FOR WAR CRIMES.

YOU'LL BE STAYING IN HERE UNTIL YOU ARE SUMMONED.



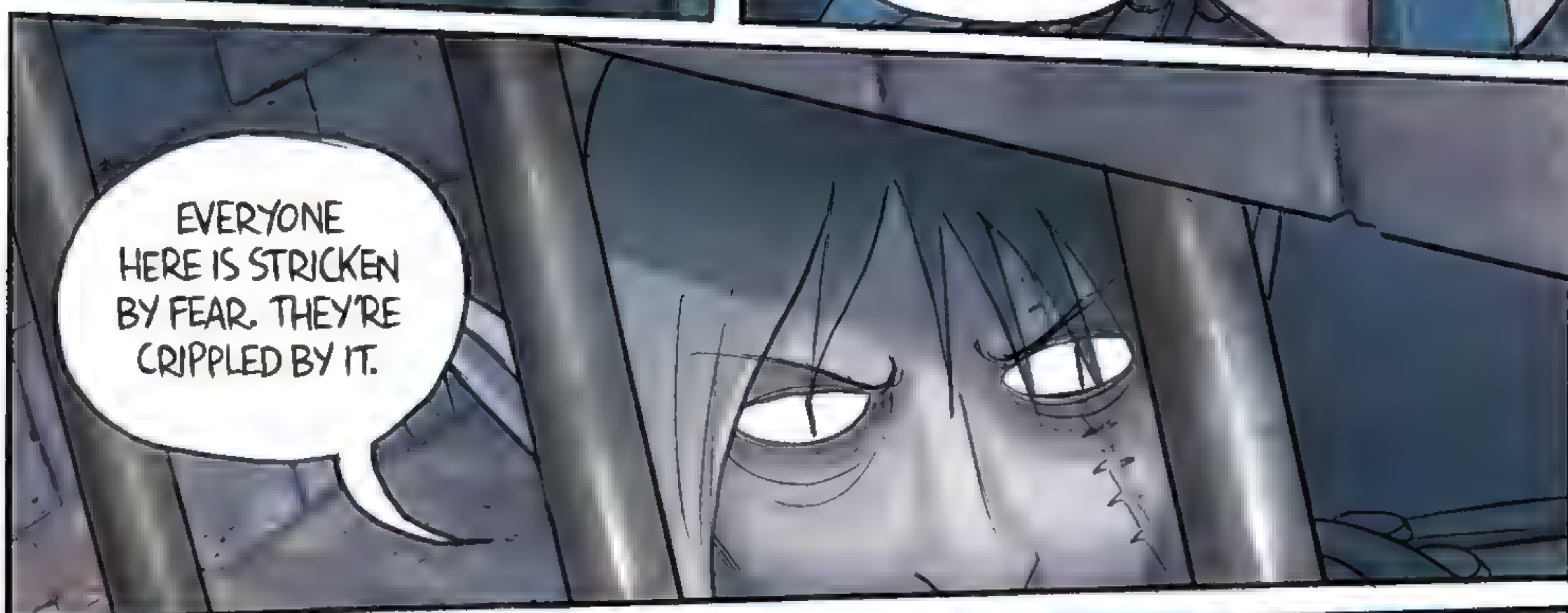
I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE, UNDERSTAND?

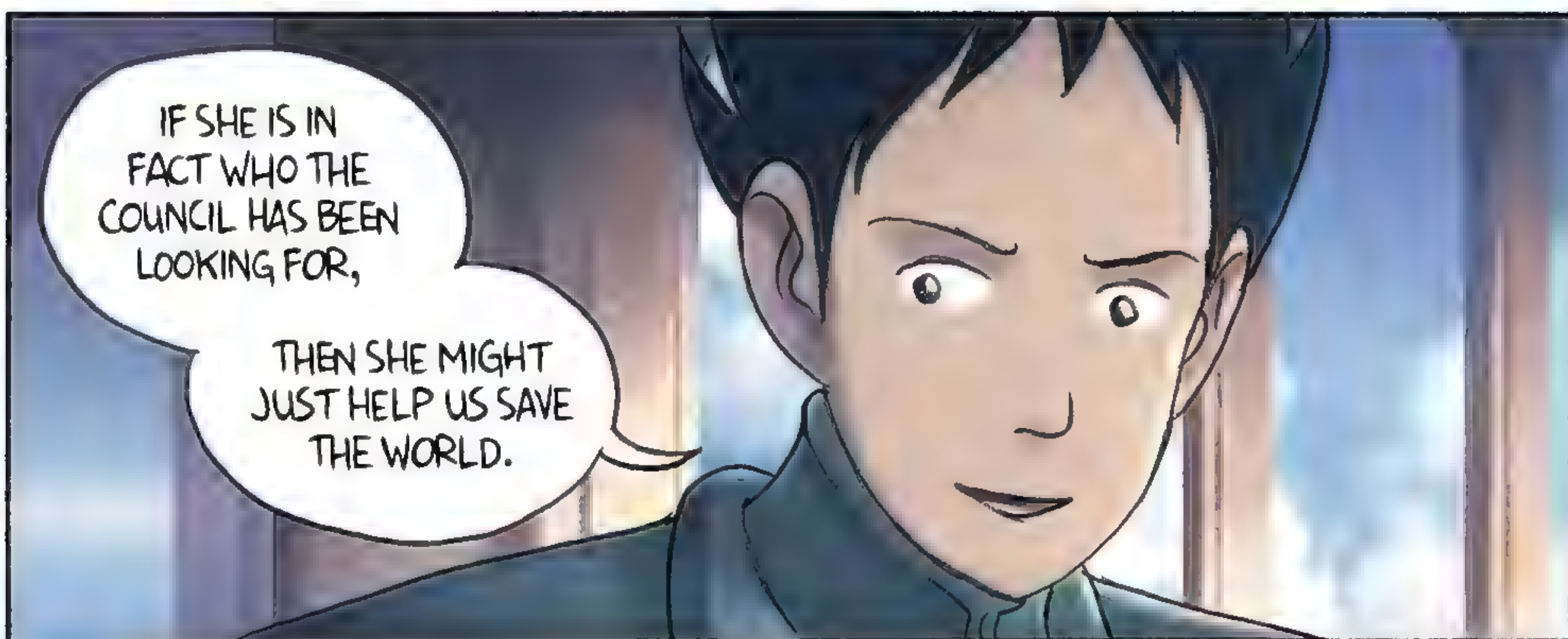
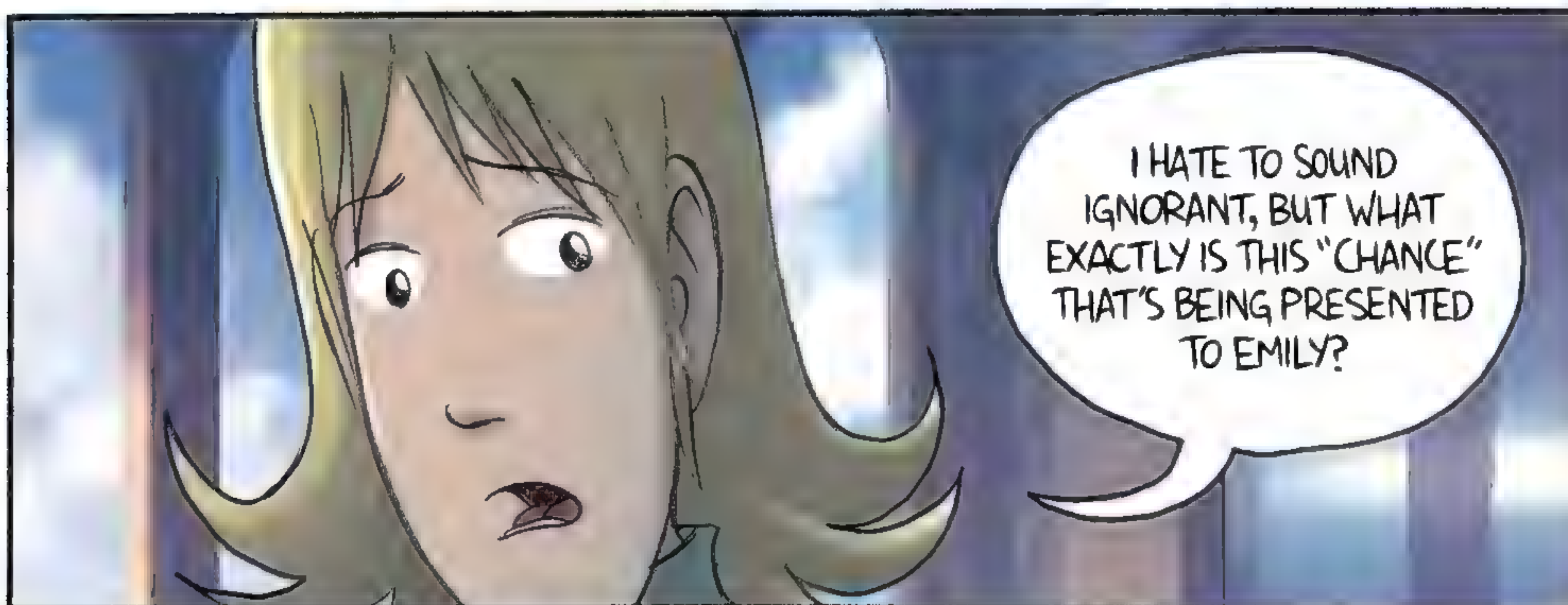
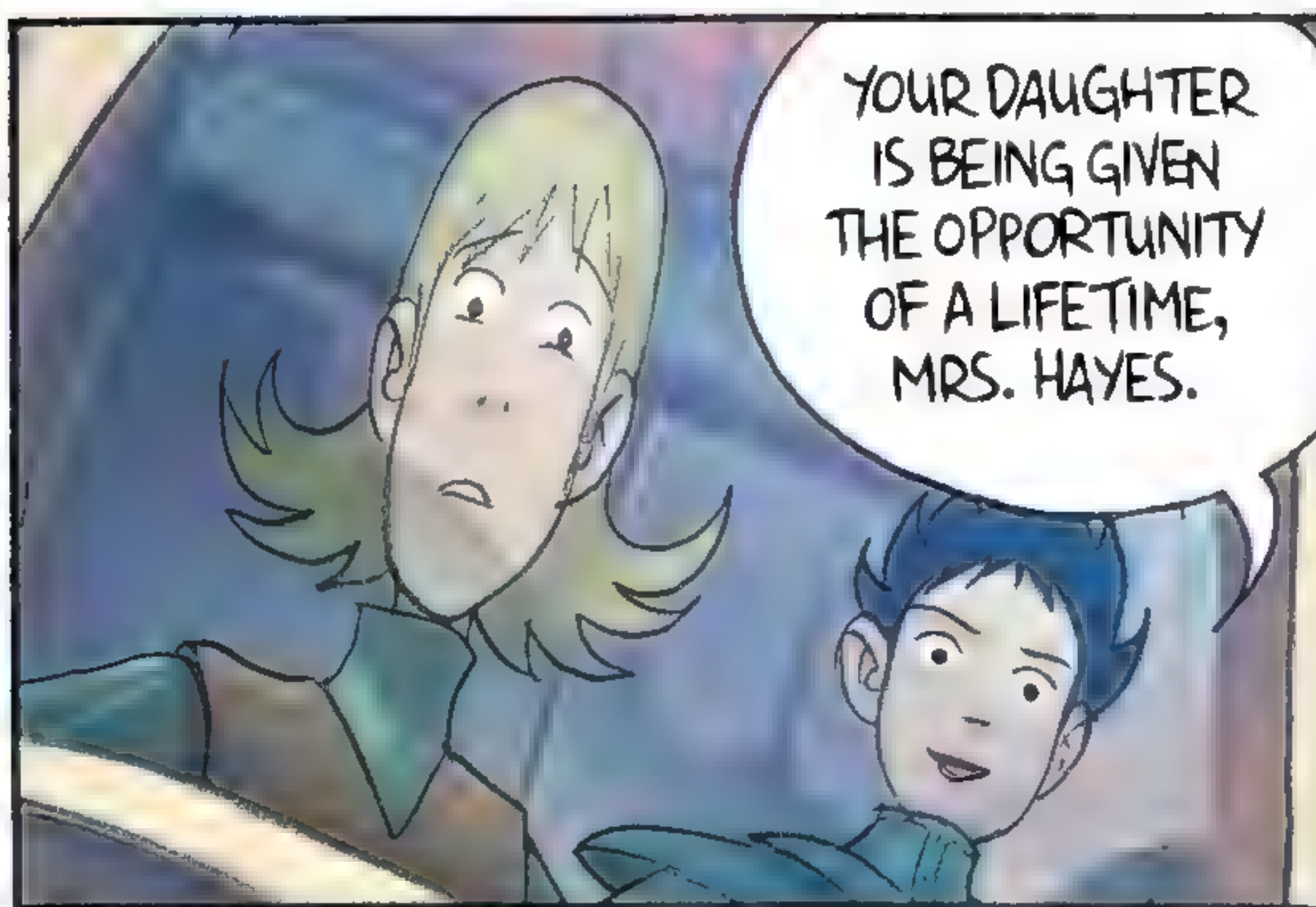
IF I FIND ANY EXCUSE TO COME IN HERE AND REGULATE, TRUST ME, I'LL TAKE IT.

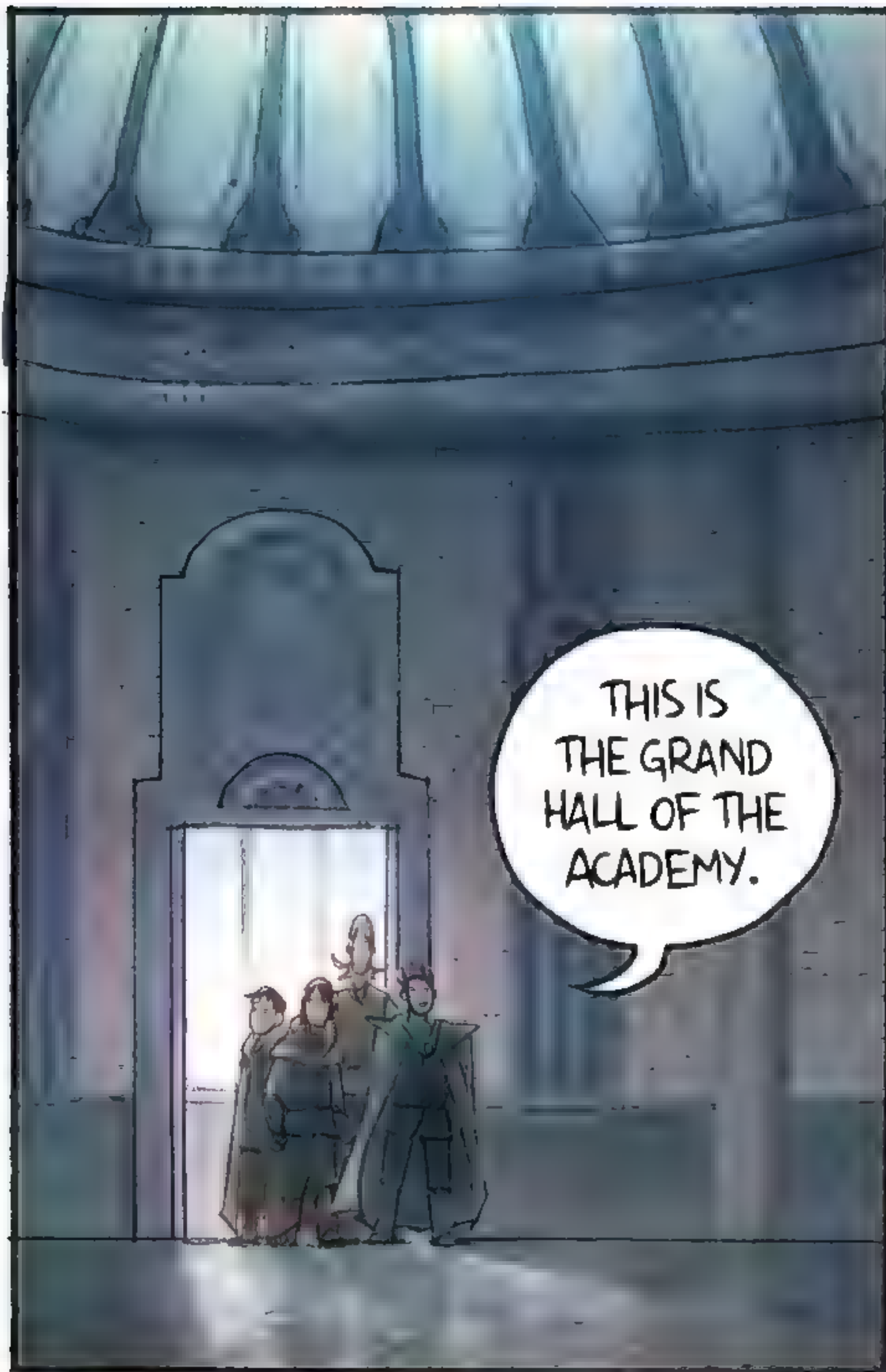


IF I CAN JUST GET THIS COLLAR OFF,

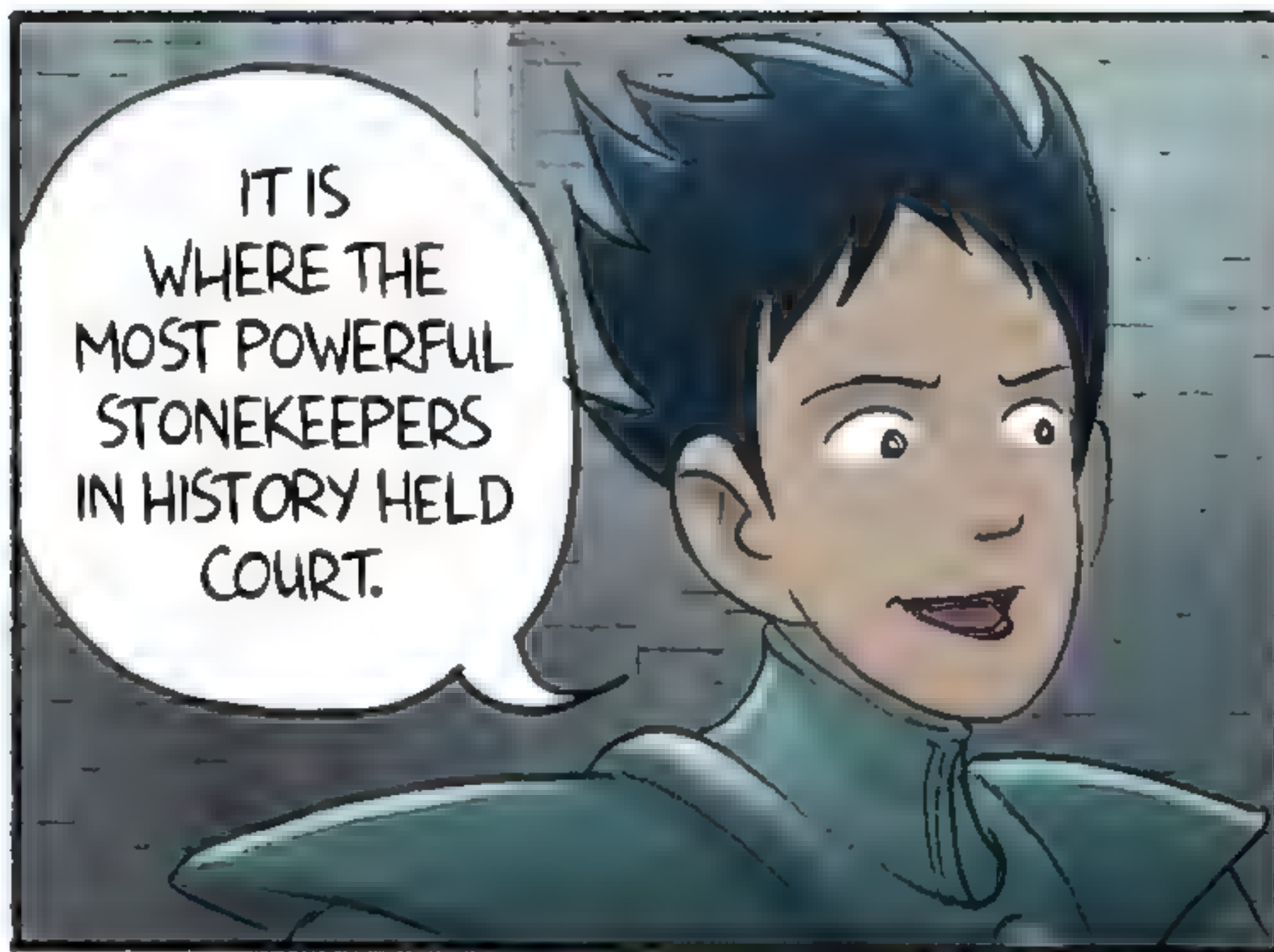
I CAN USE MY STONE TO BREAK US OUT.







THIS IS
THE GRAND
HALL OF THE
ACADEMY.



IT IS
WHERE THE
MOST POWERFUL
STONEKEEPERS
IN HISTORY HELD
COURT.



AND NOW WE'LL
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO JOIN THEIR
RANKS.



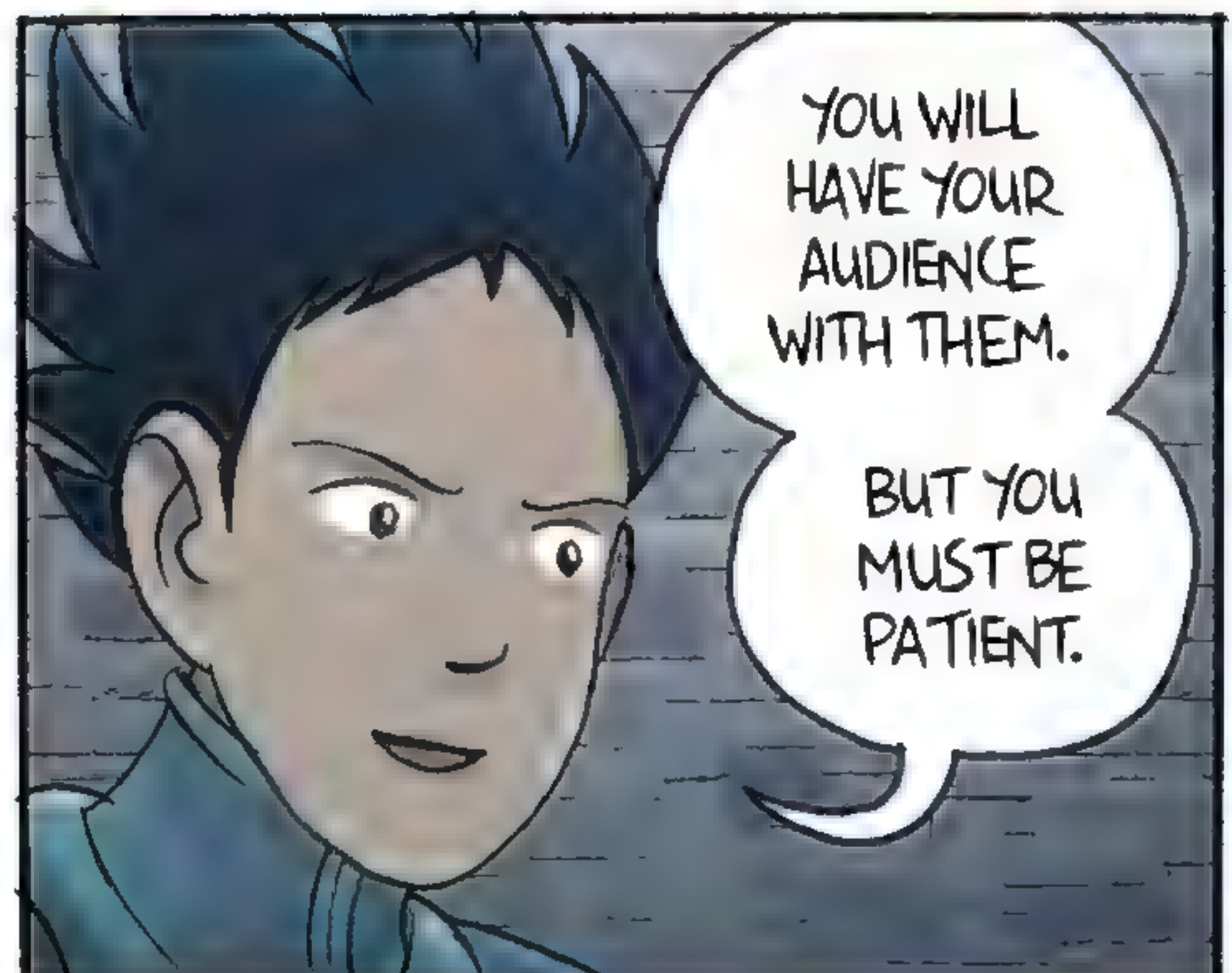
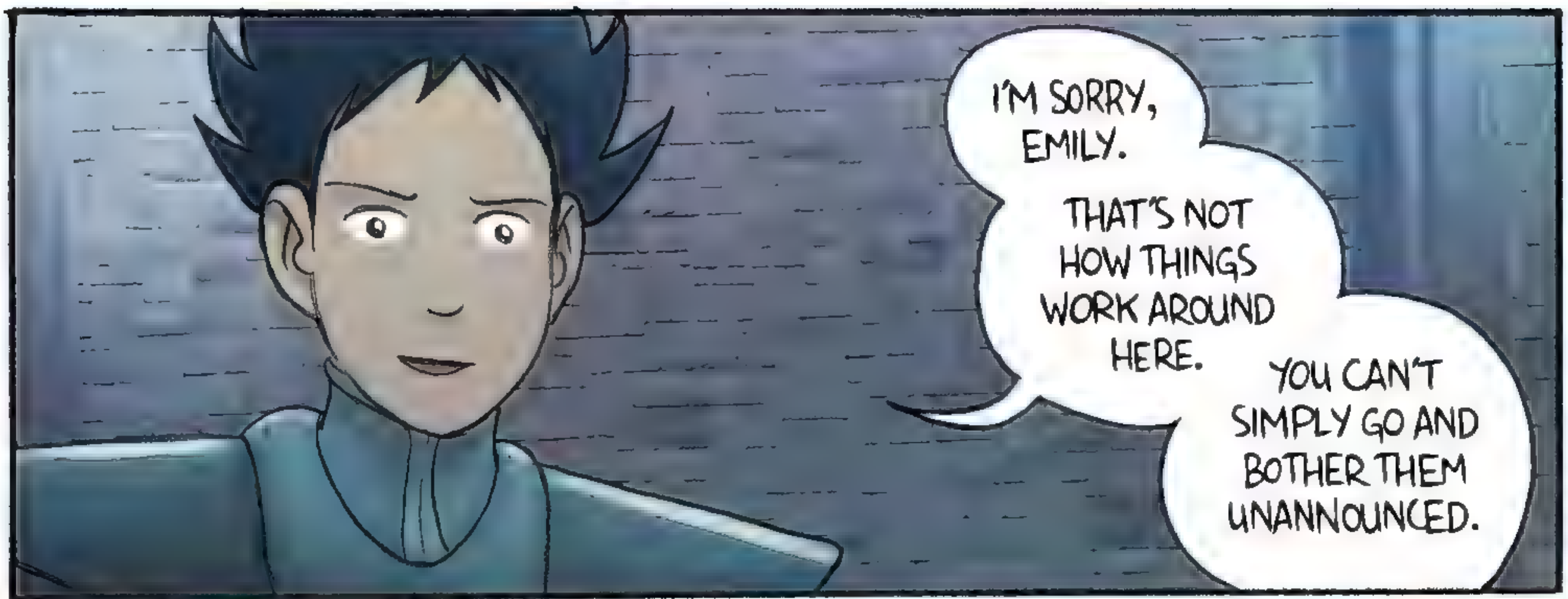
MAX,
IS THIS THE
GUARDIAN COUNCIL'S
CHAMBER?

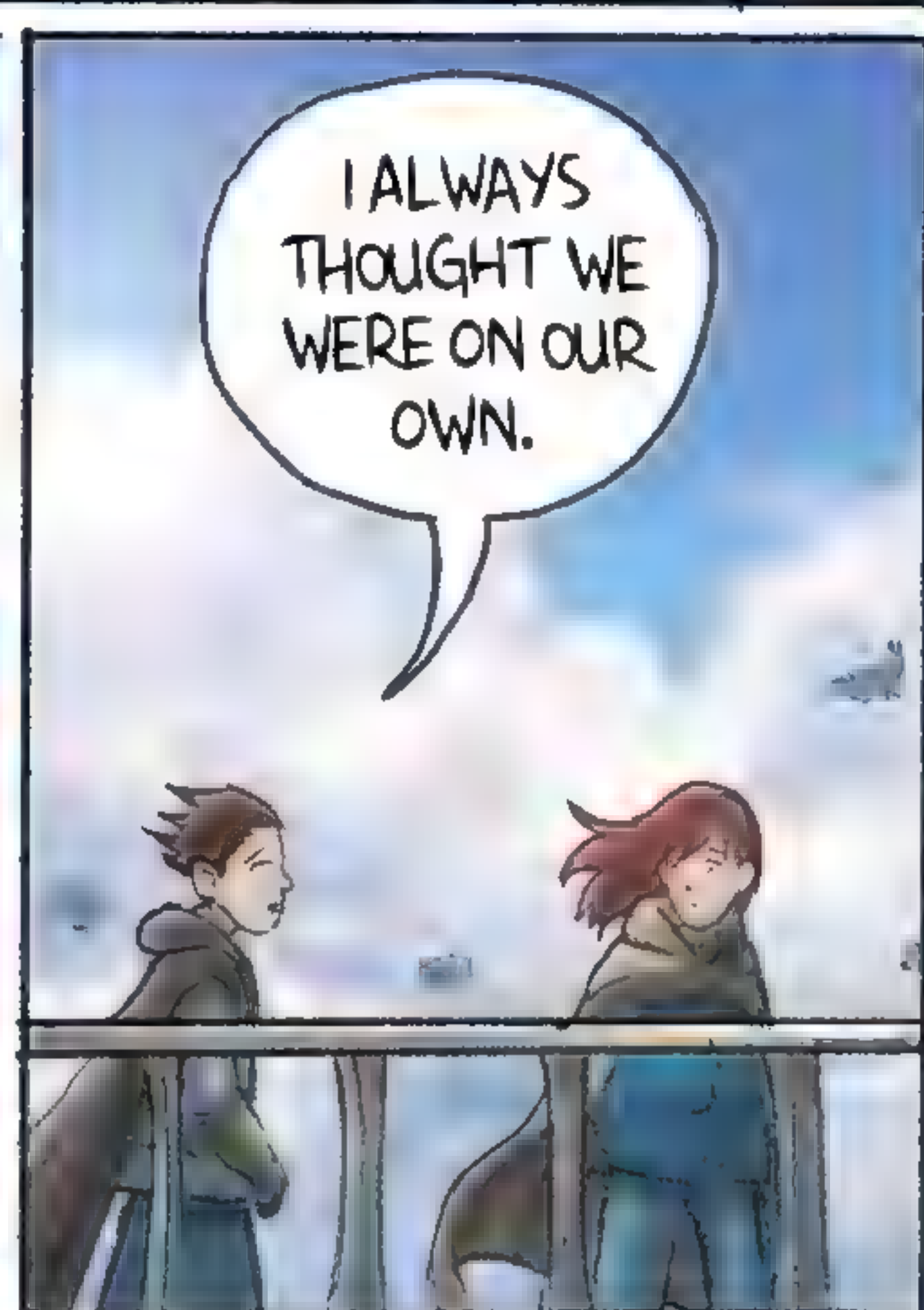
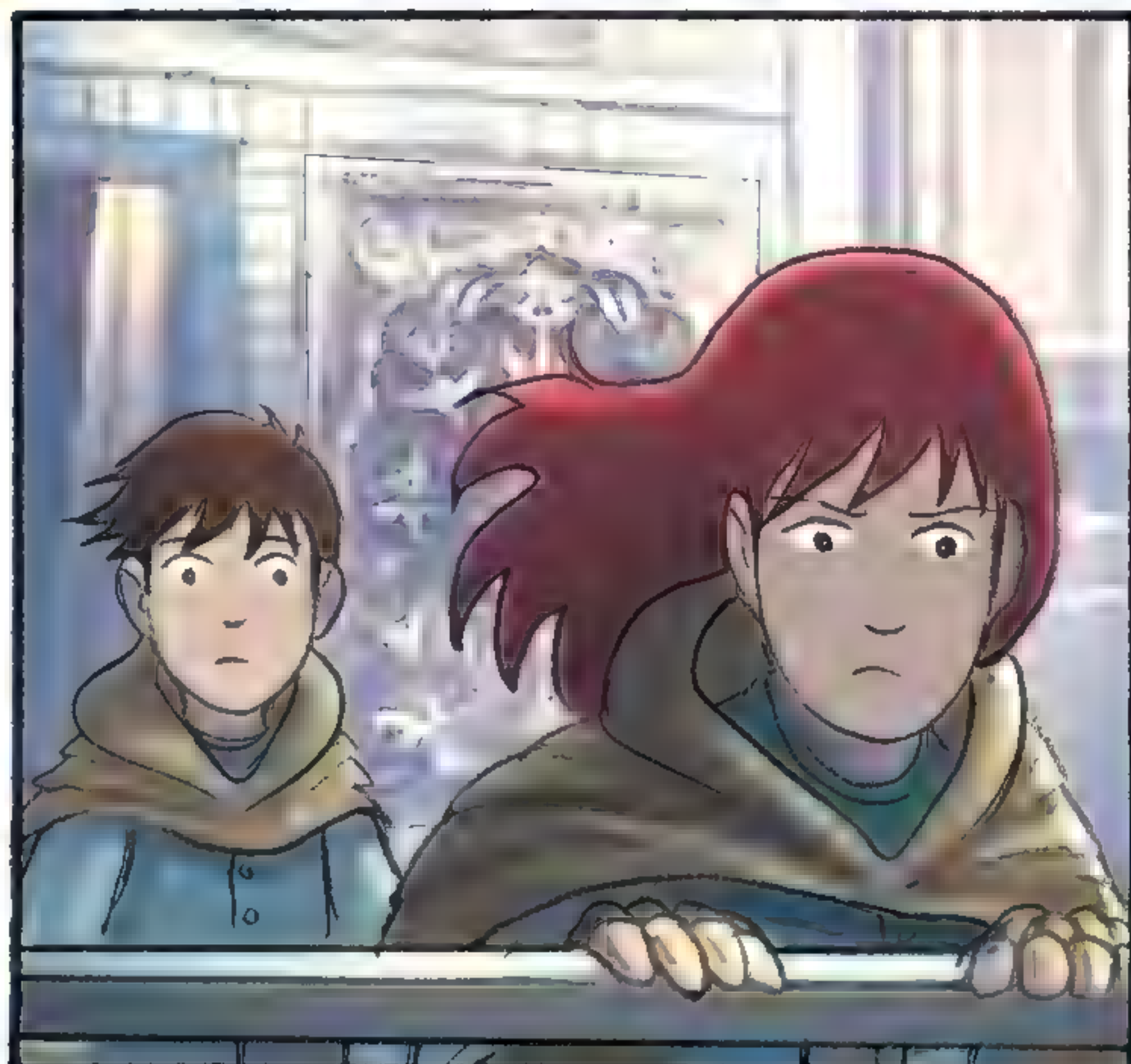
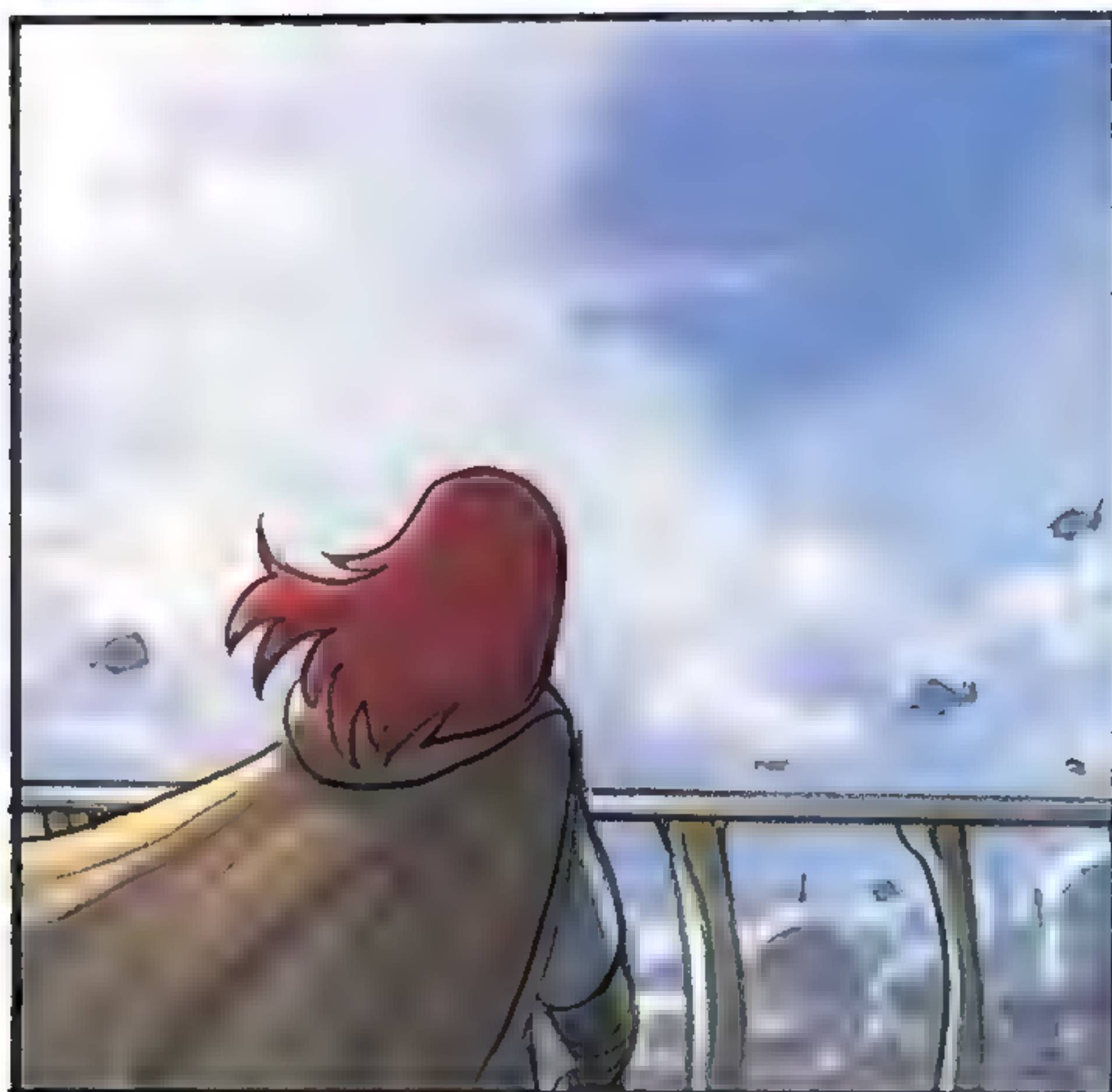
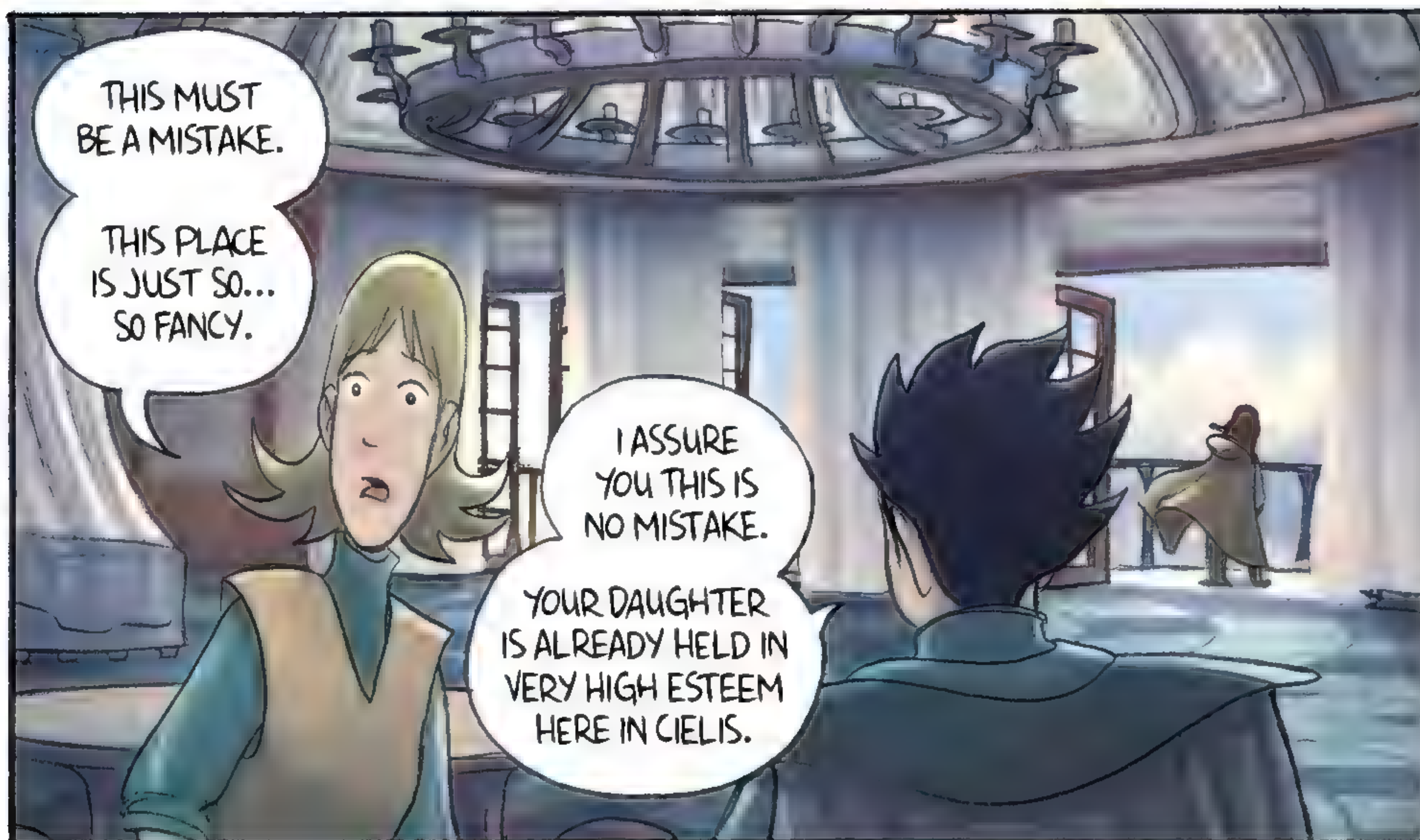
YES.

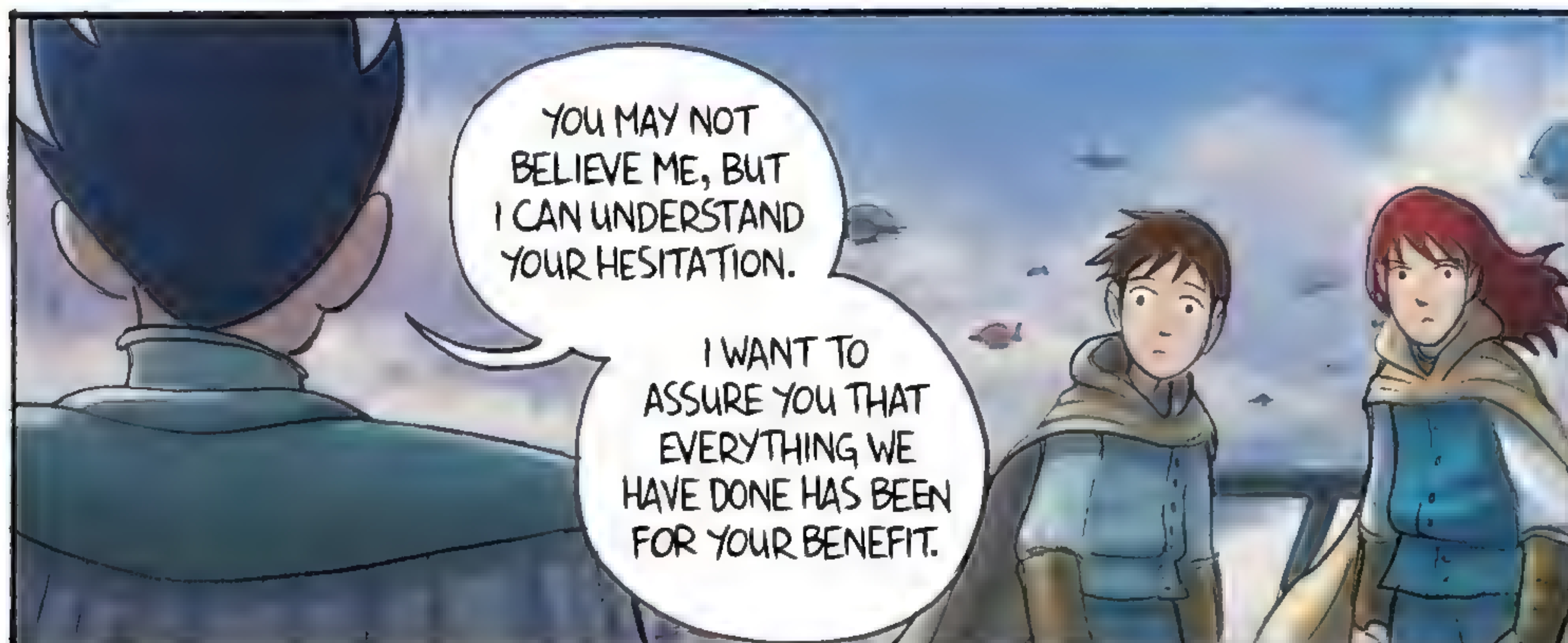


HOW DO I
GET INSIDE?

WE NEED TO
SPEAK WITH
THEM.







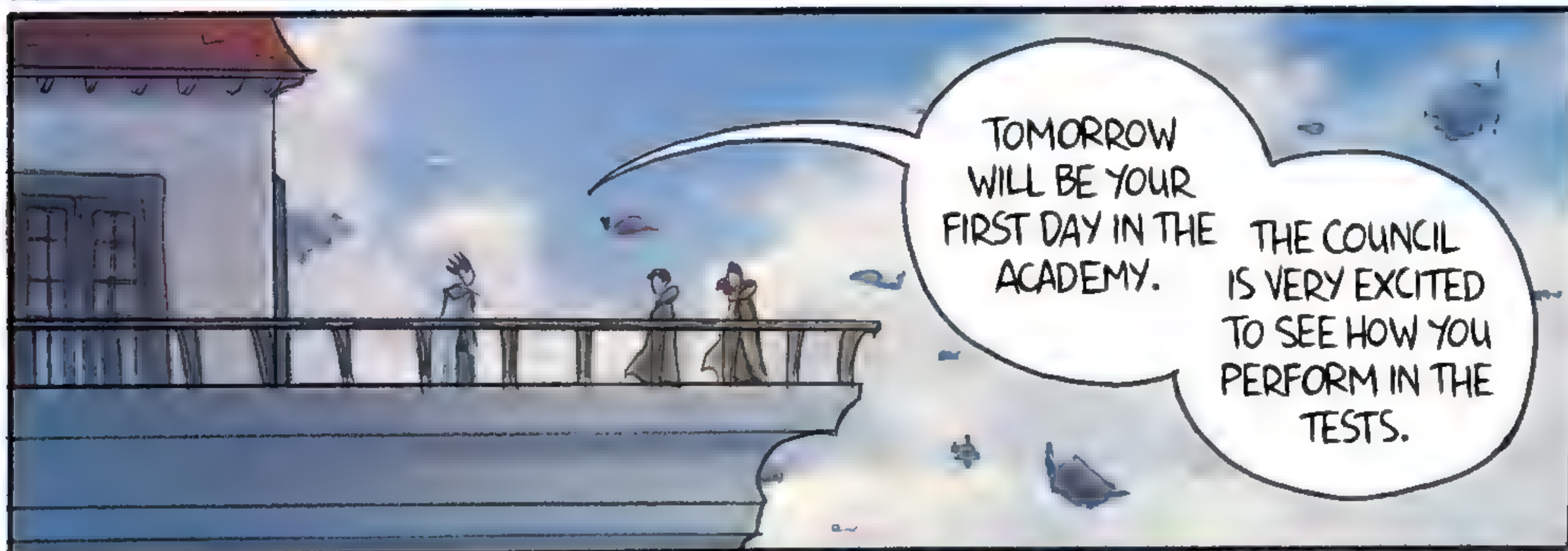
YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE ME, BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR HESITATION.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT EVERYTHING WE HAVE DONE HAS BEEN FOR YOUR BENEFIT.



YOUR FRIENDS WERE TAKEN ASIDE TO ALLOW YOU TO FOCUS.

THEY ARE QUITE SAFE, AND ARE BEING TREATED AS GUESTS.



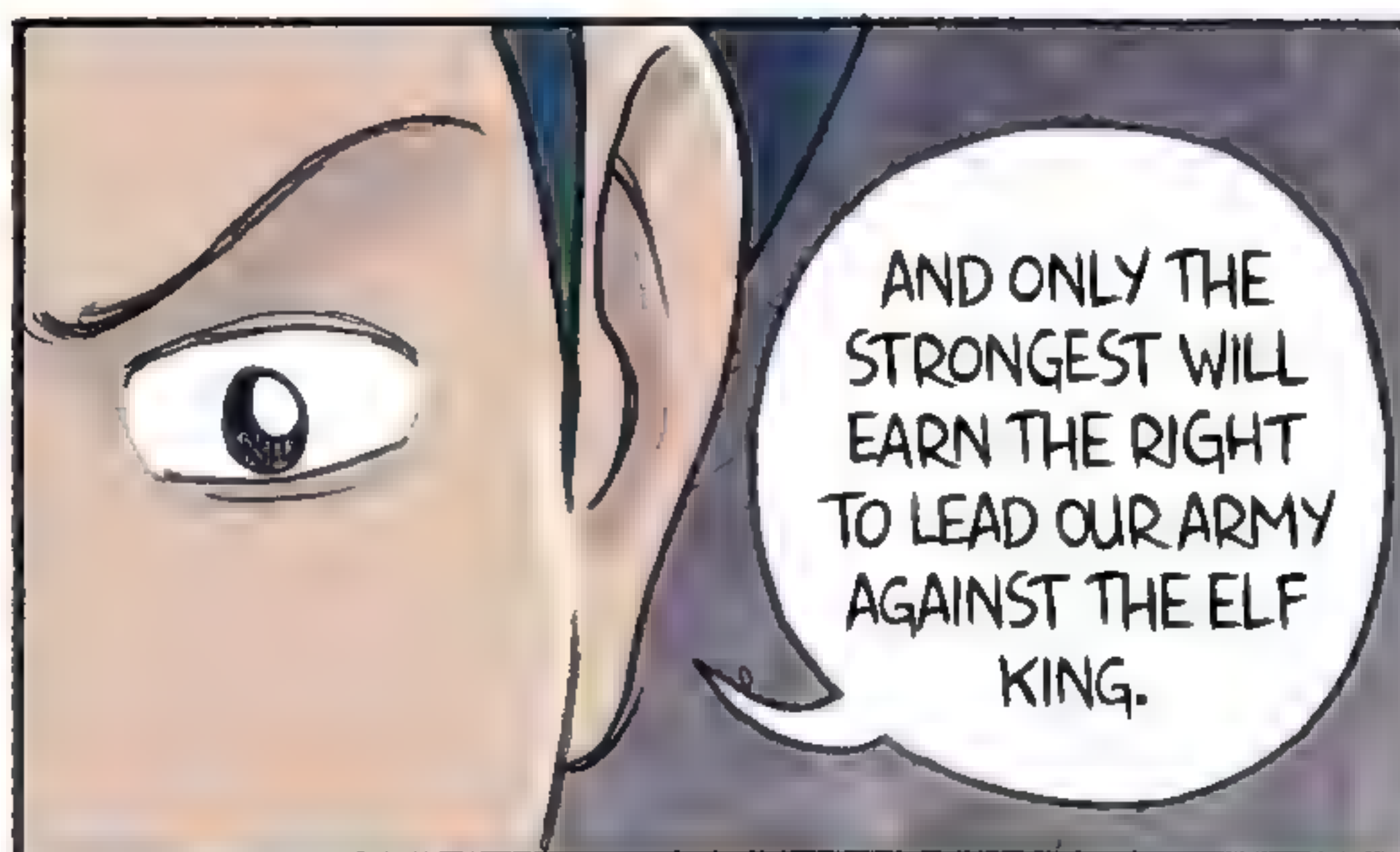
TOMORROW WILL BE YOUR FIRST DAY IN THE ACADEMY.

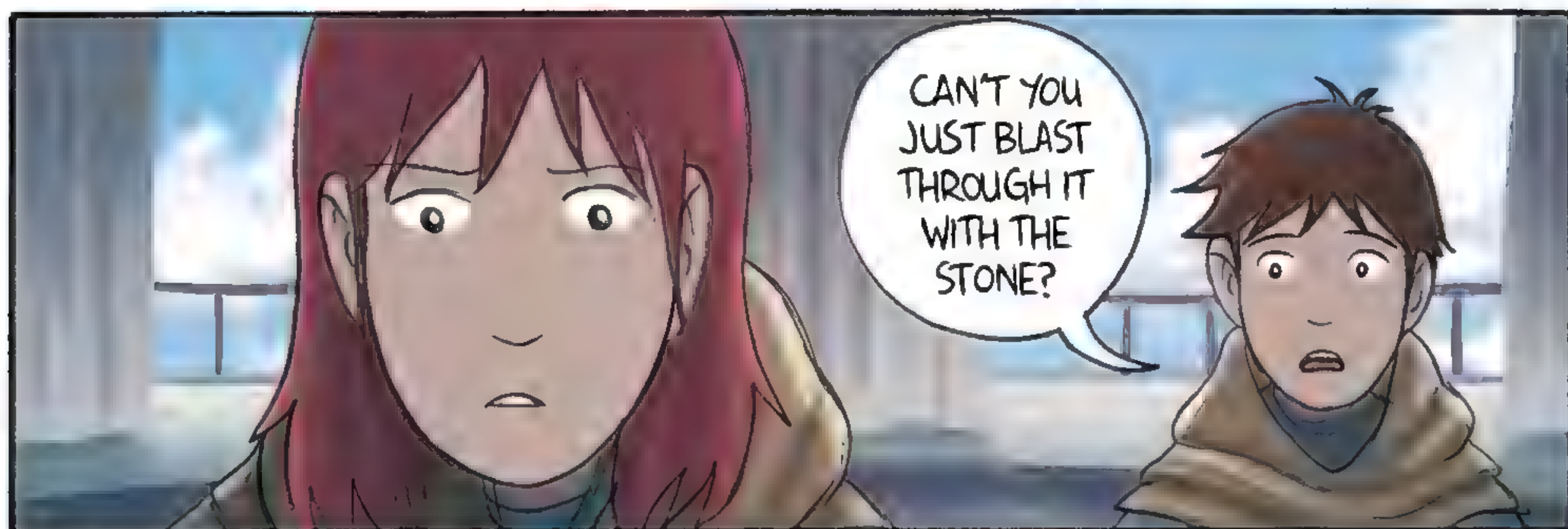
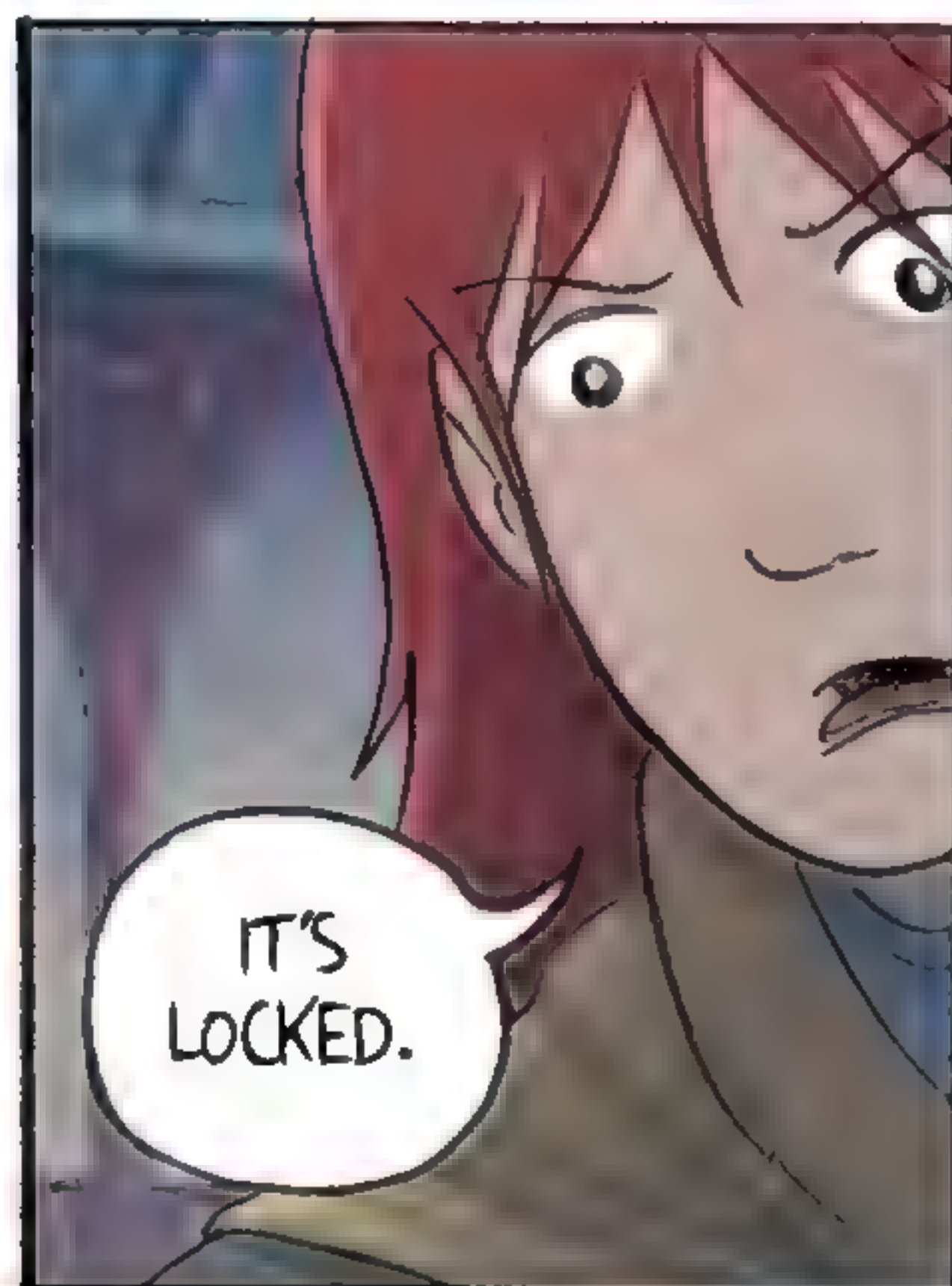
THE COUNCIL IS VERY EXCITED TO SEE HOW YOU PERFORM IN THE TESTS.

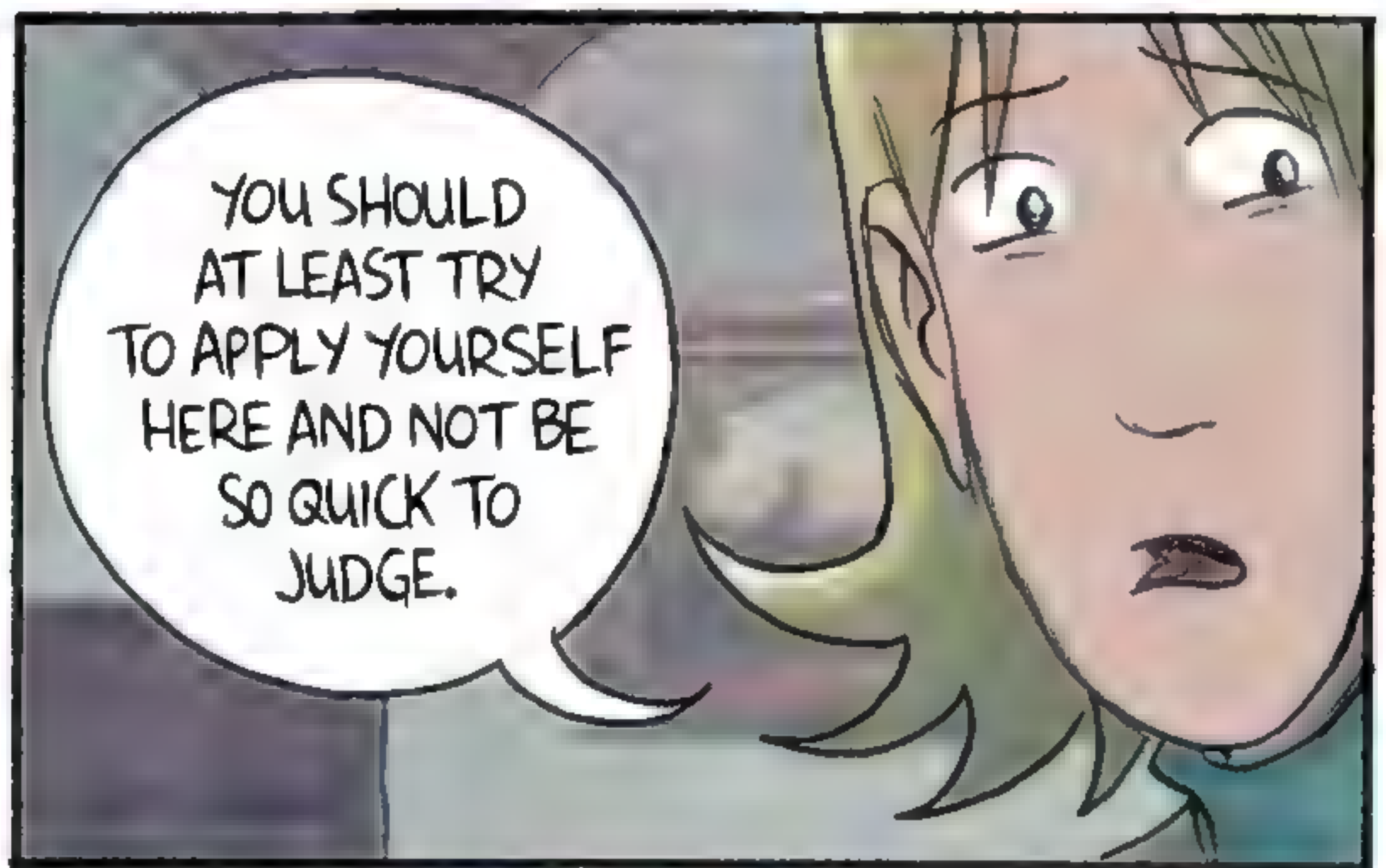
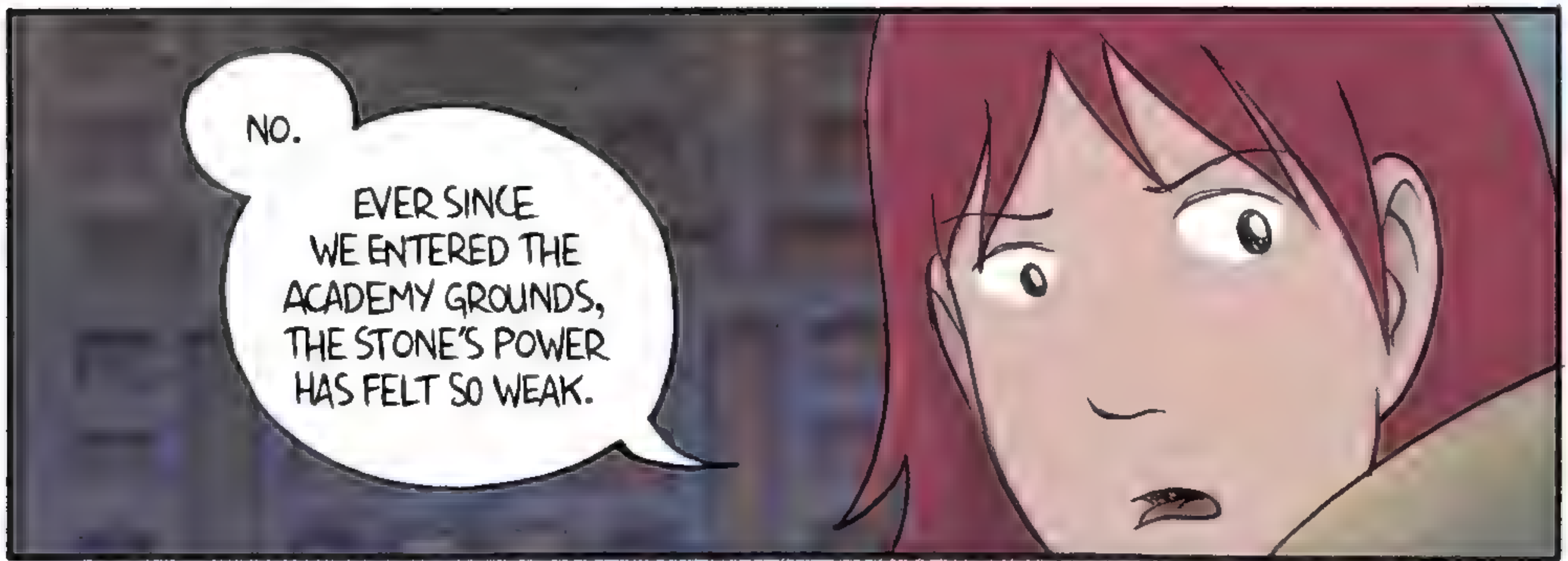


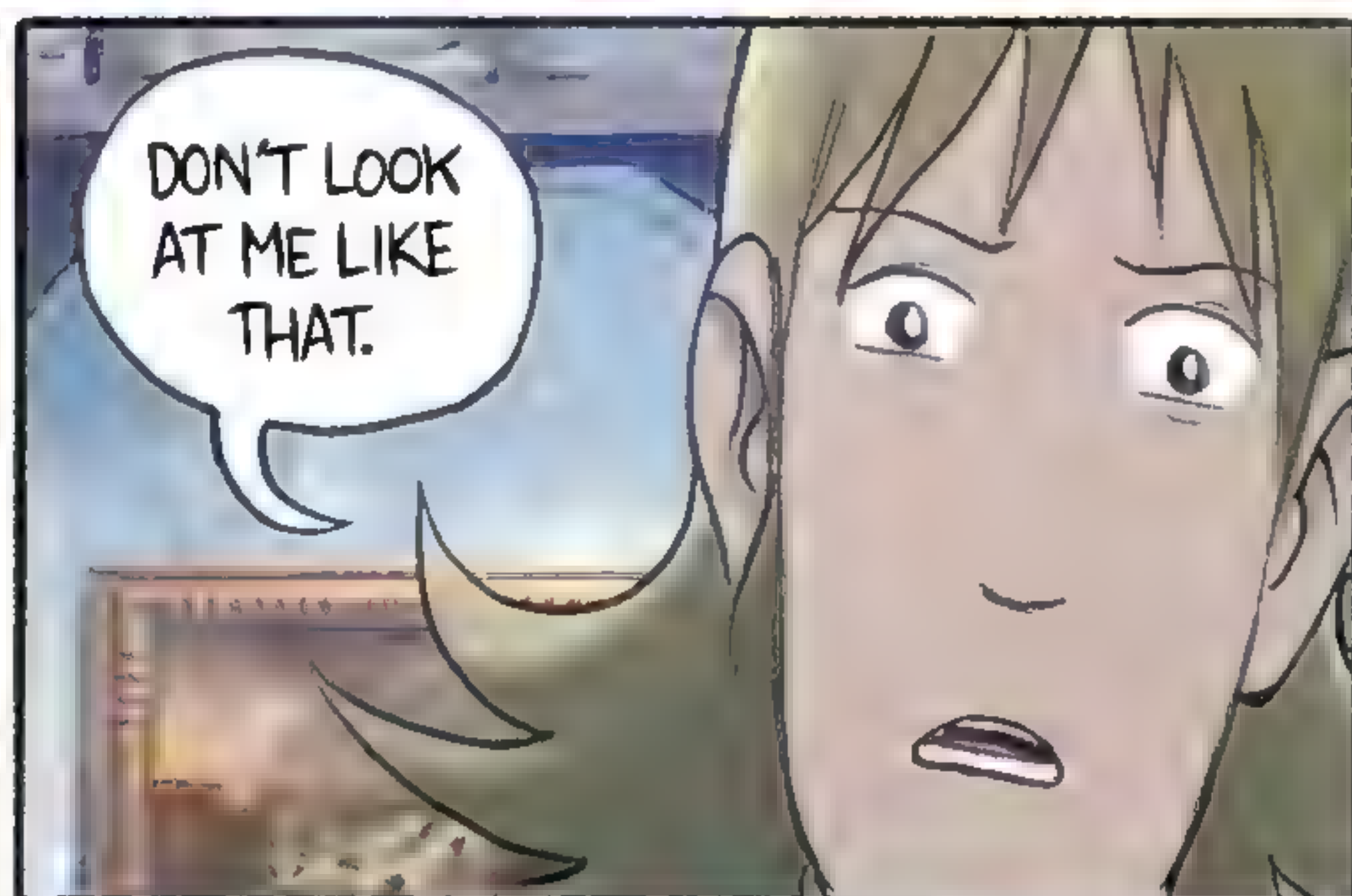
WE CAME HERE TO ASK THE COUNCIL FOR HELP.

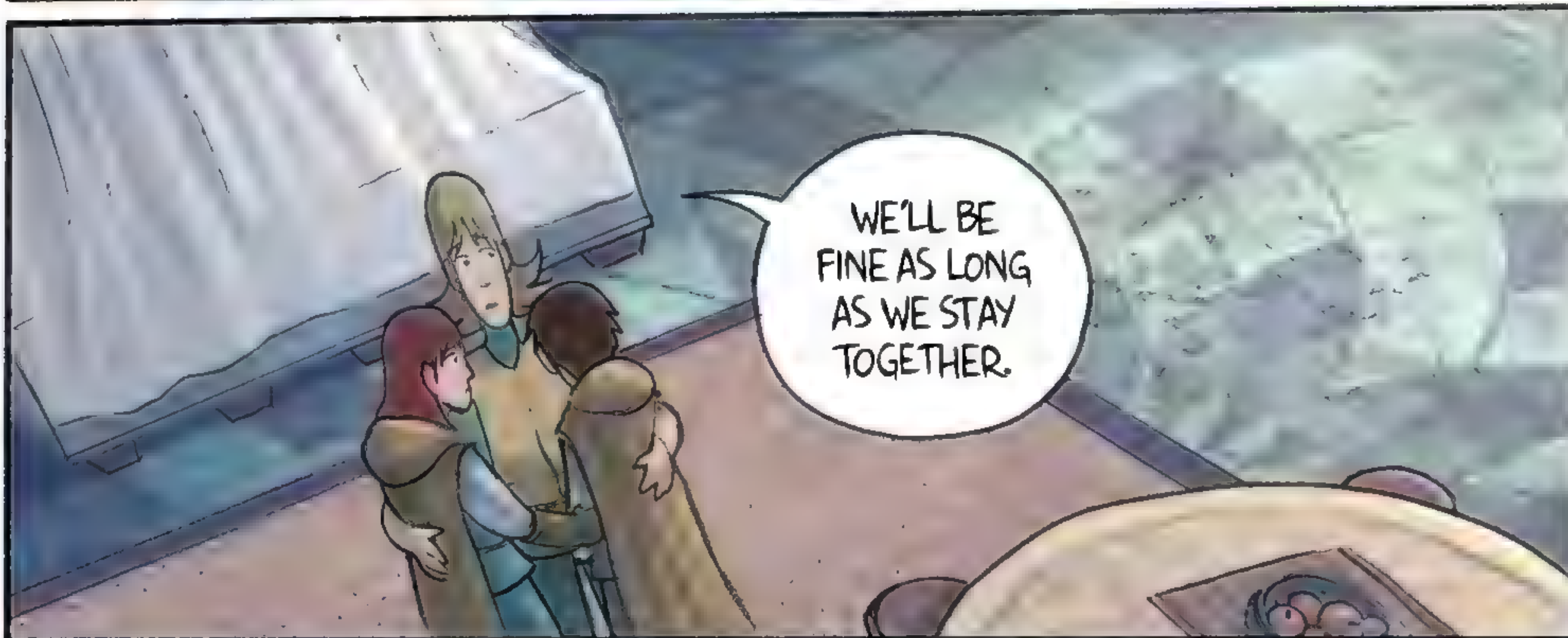
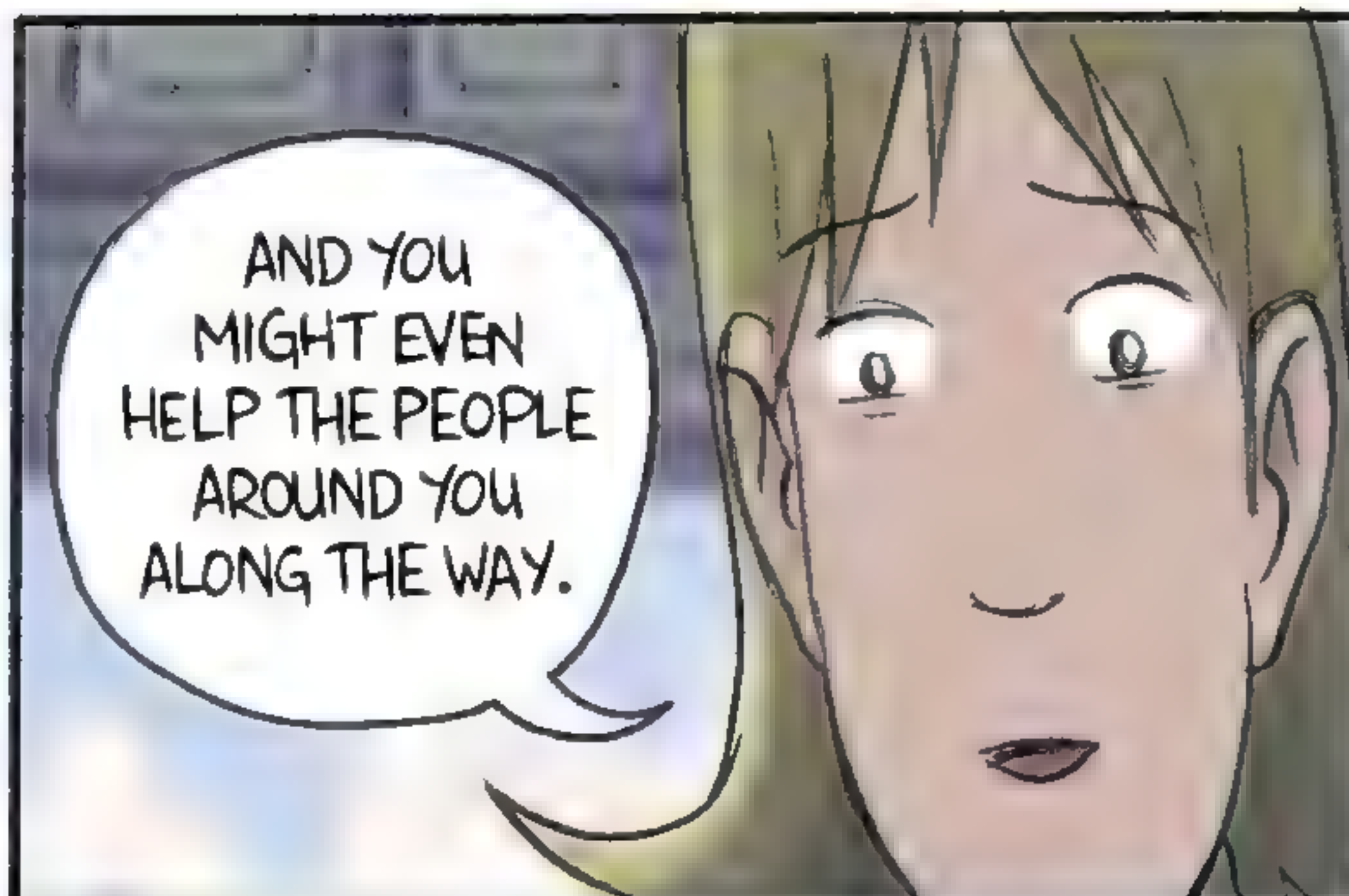
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO JOIN THEM, MAX.













WELL, THIS IS PRETTY DISAPPOINTING.

THE PLACE IS LIKE A GHOST TOWN.



WAS IT ALWAYS LIKE THIS, CHIEF?



NO.

IT IS STRANGELY QUIET NOW.

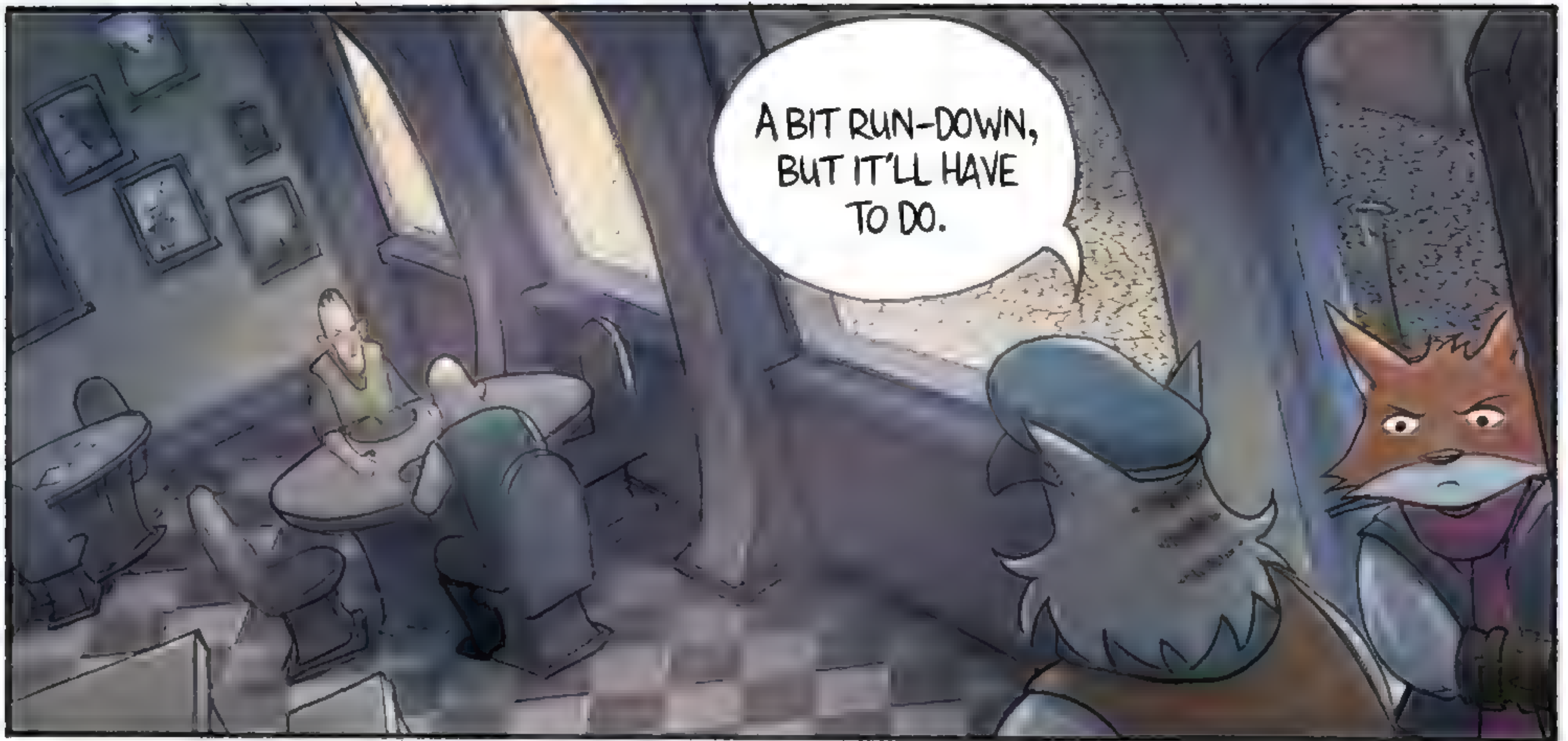
THIS USED TO BE ONE OF THE BUSIEST STREETS.



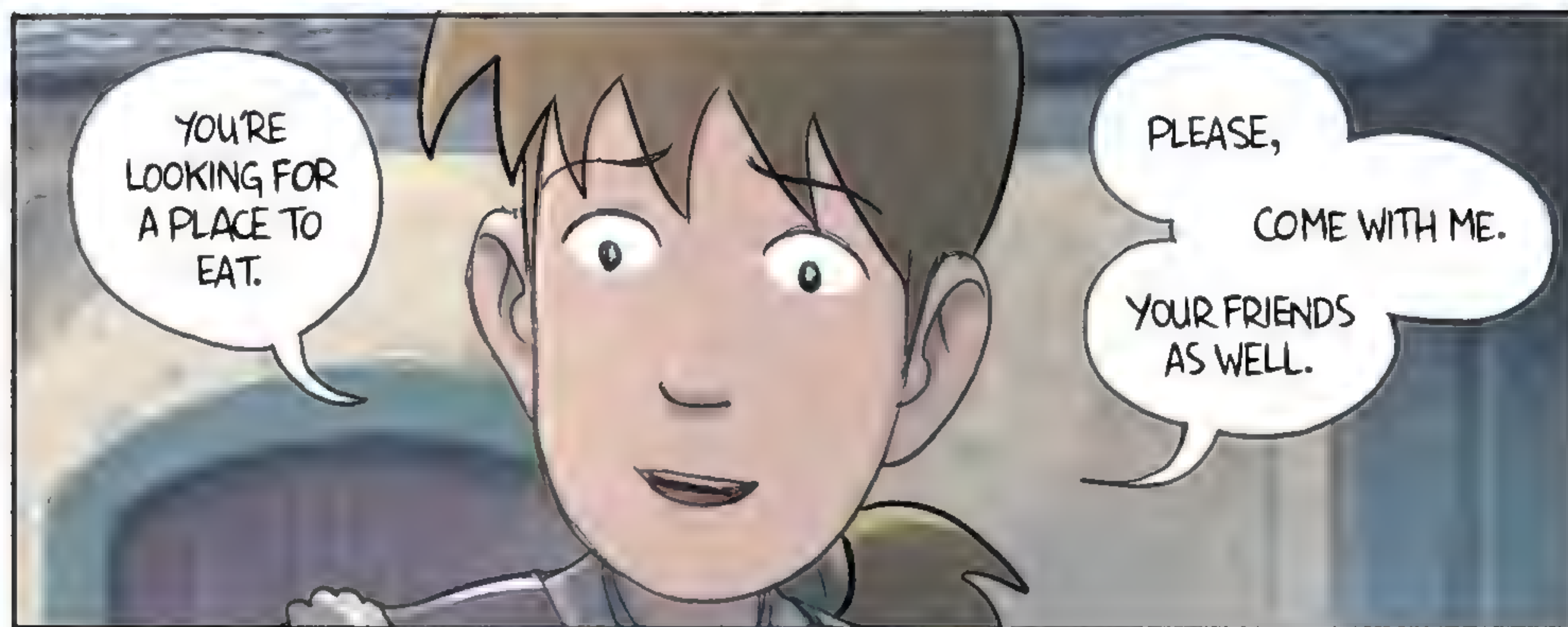
LET'S FIND SOMETHING TO EAT. I'M FAMISHED.

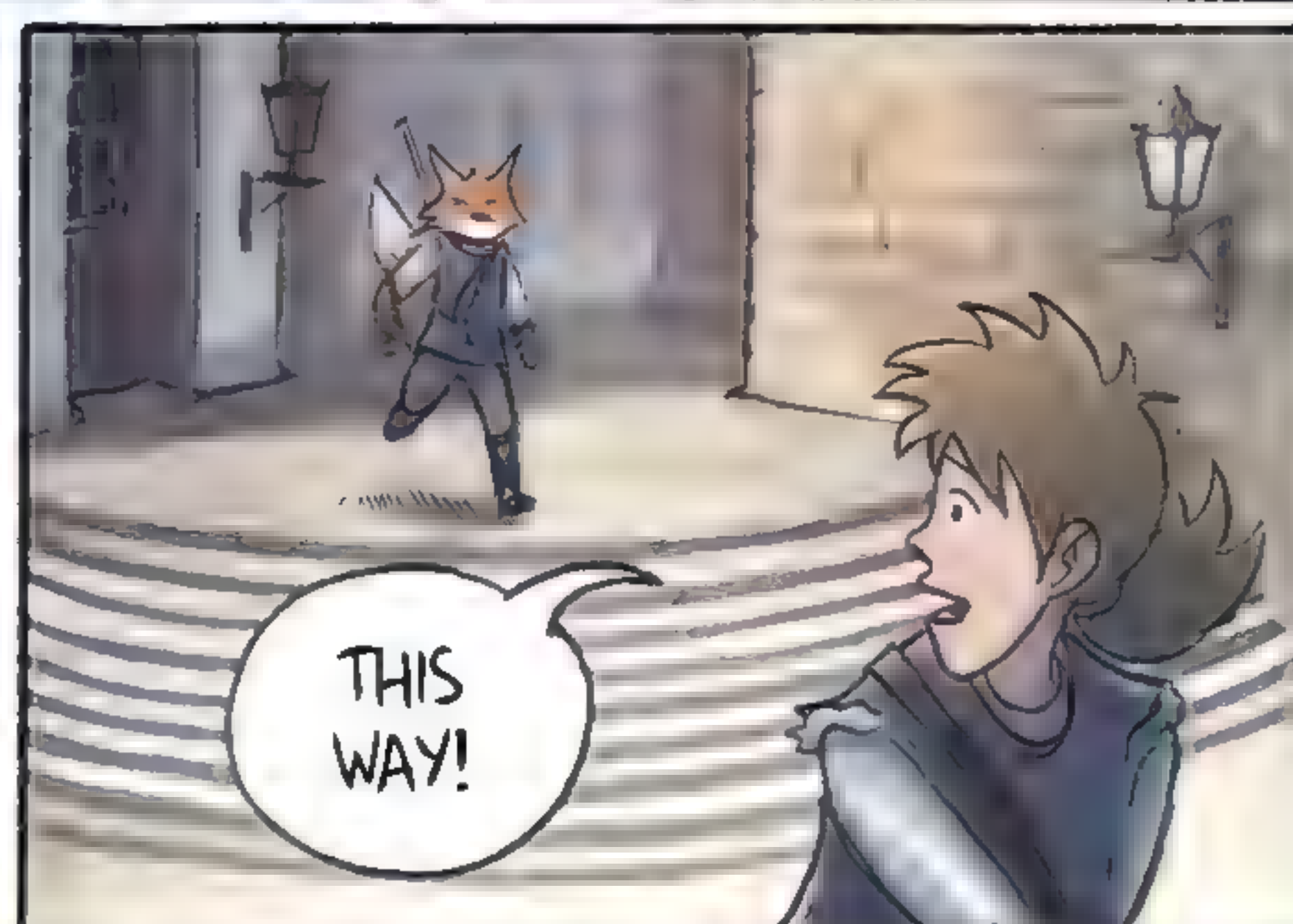


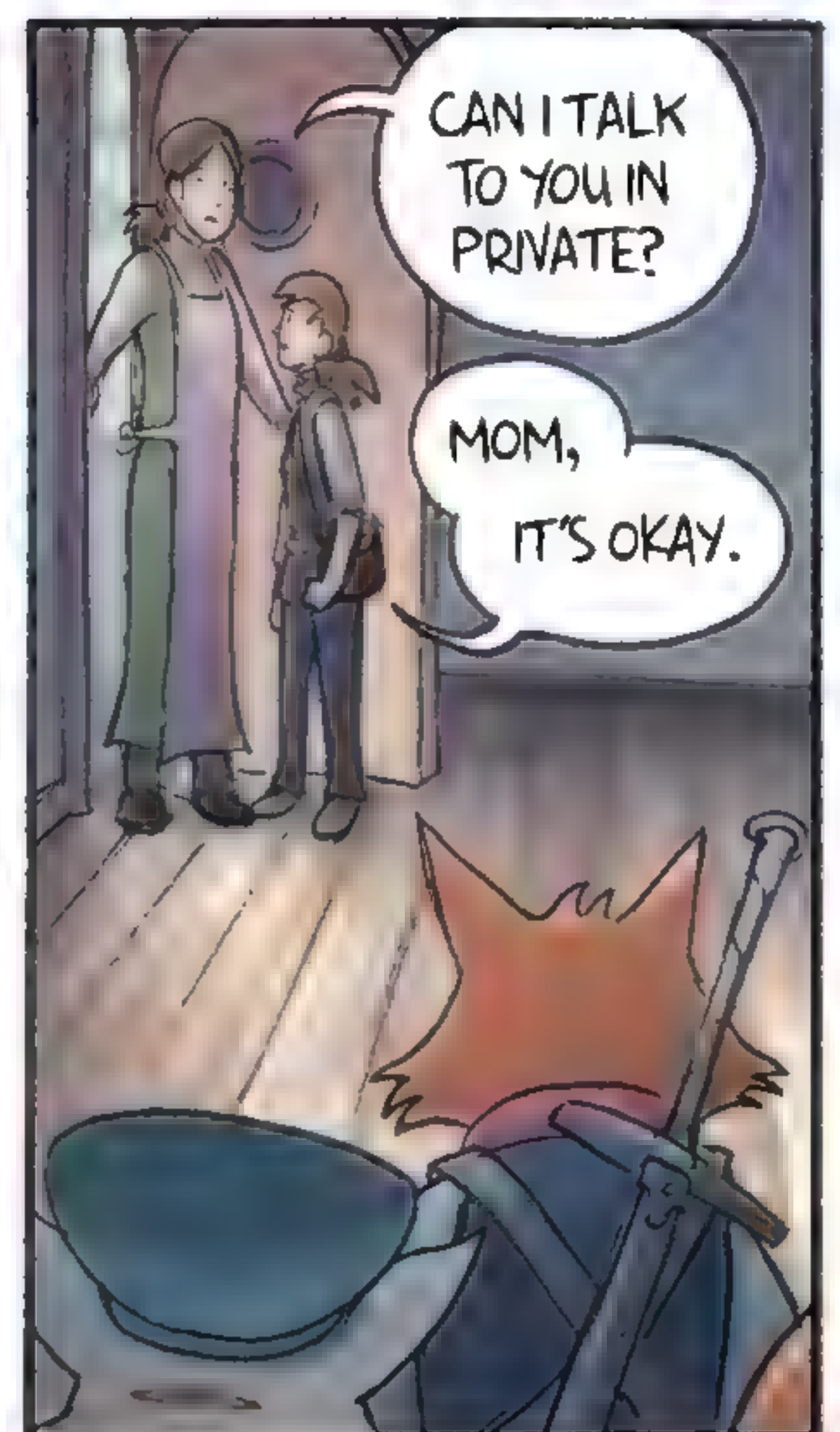
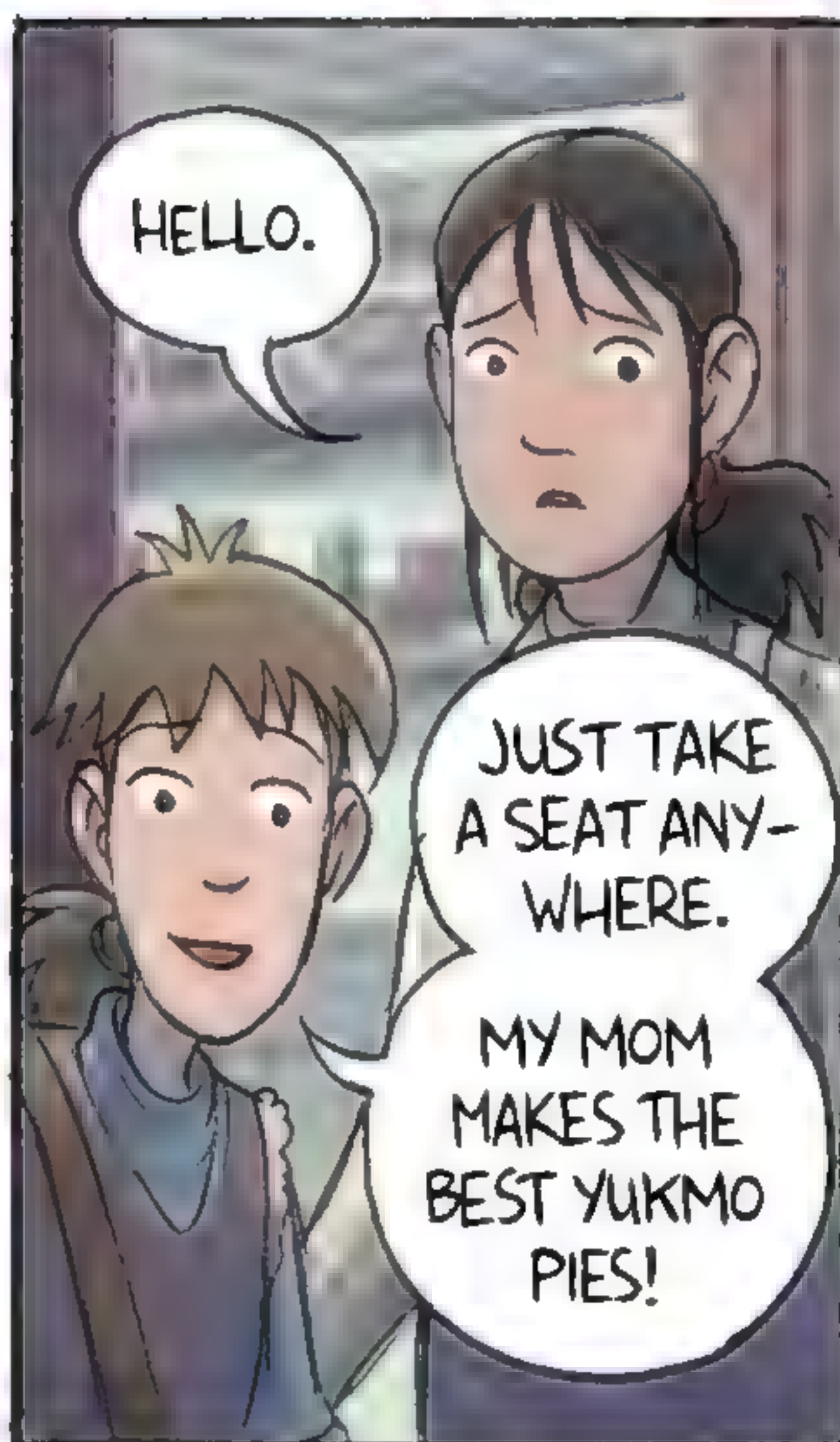
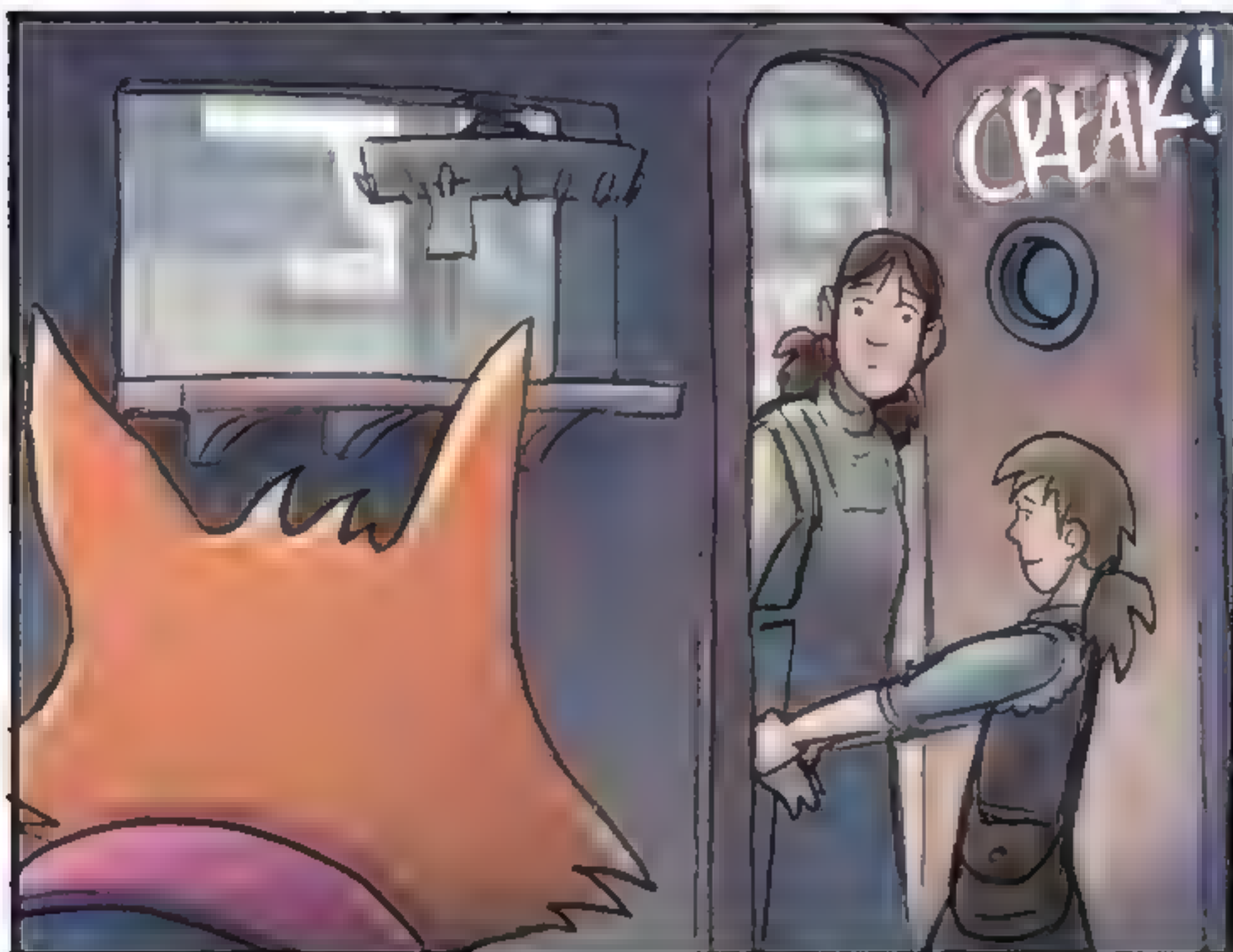
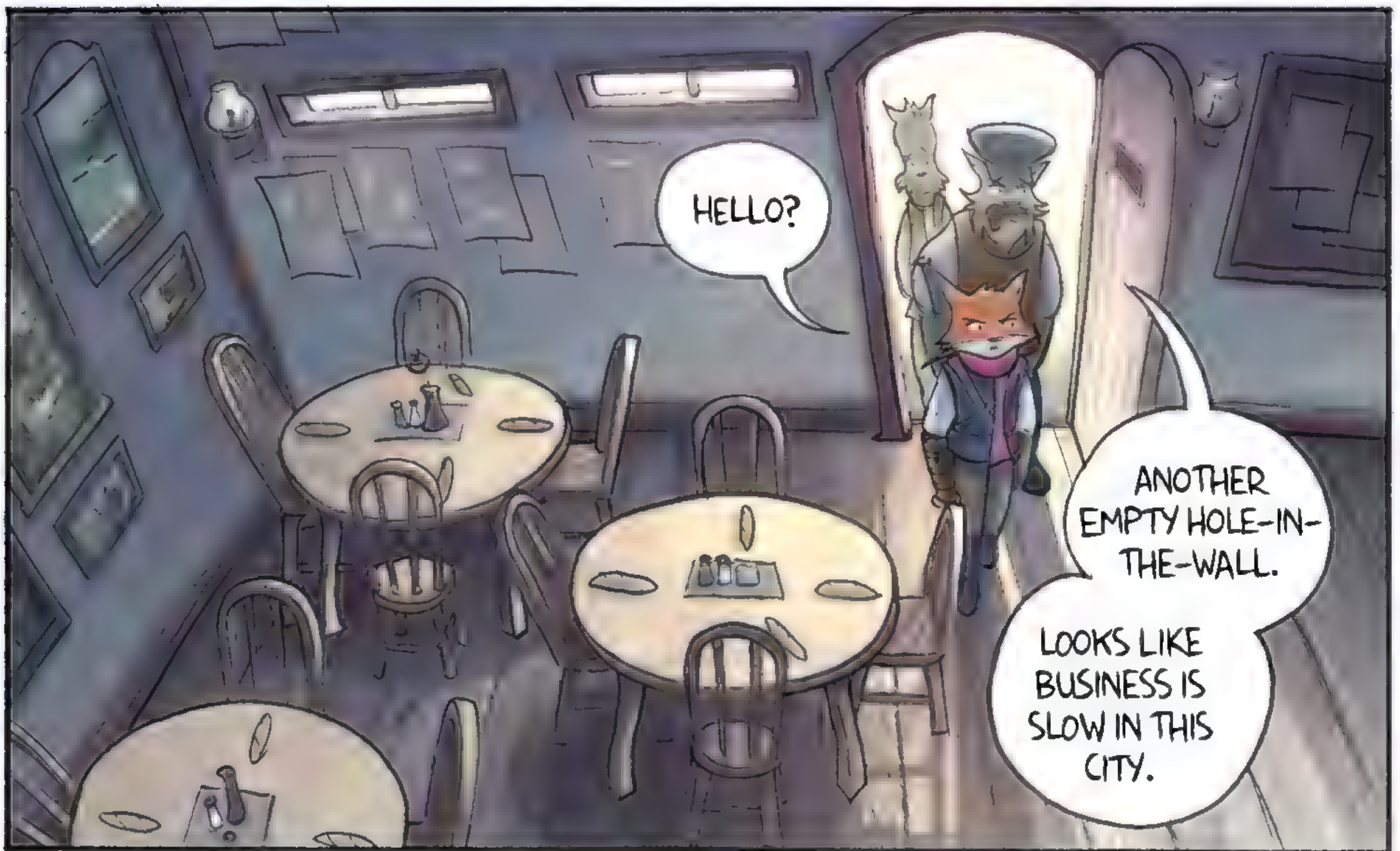
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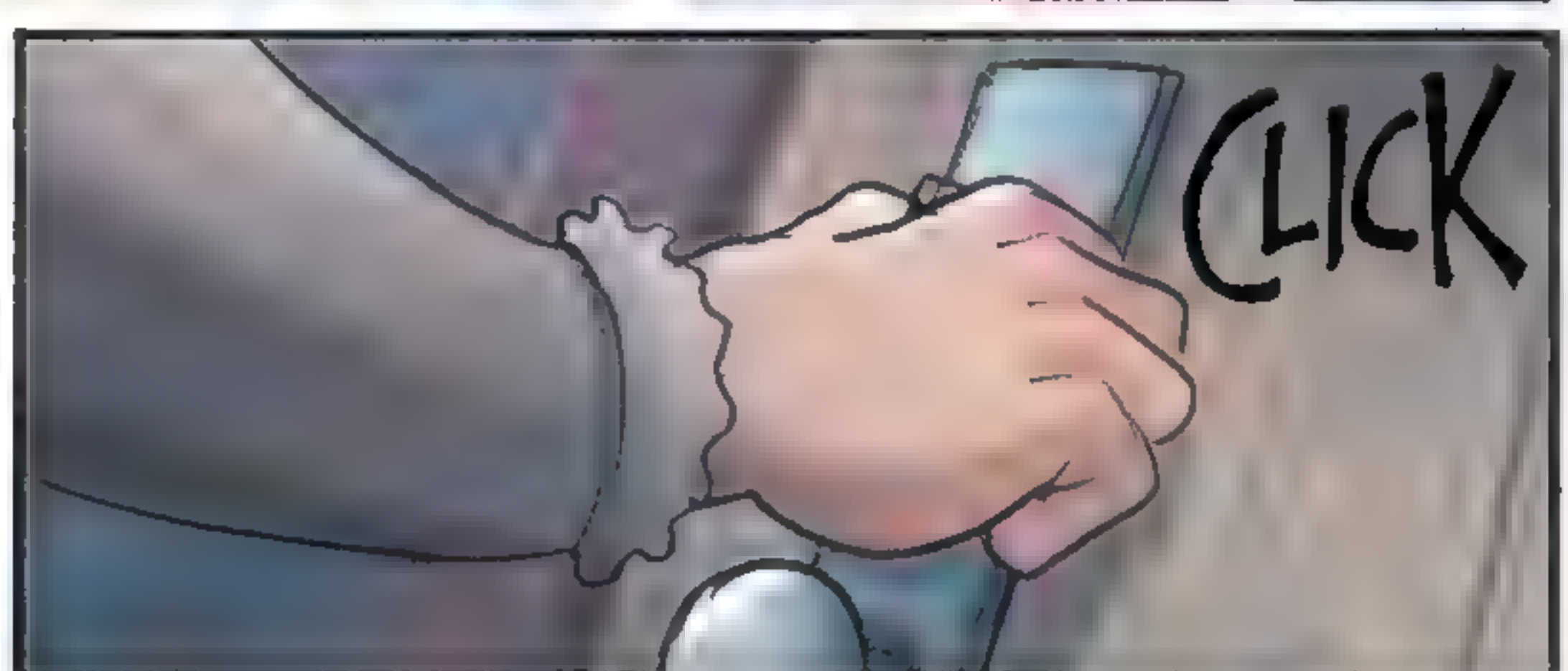


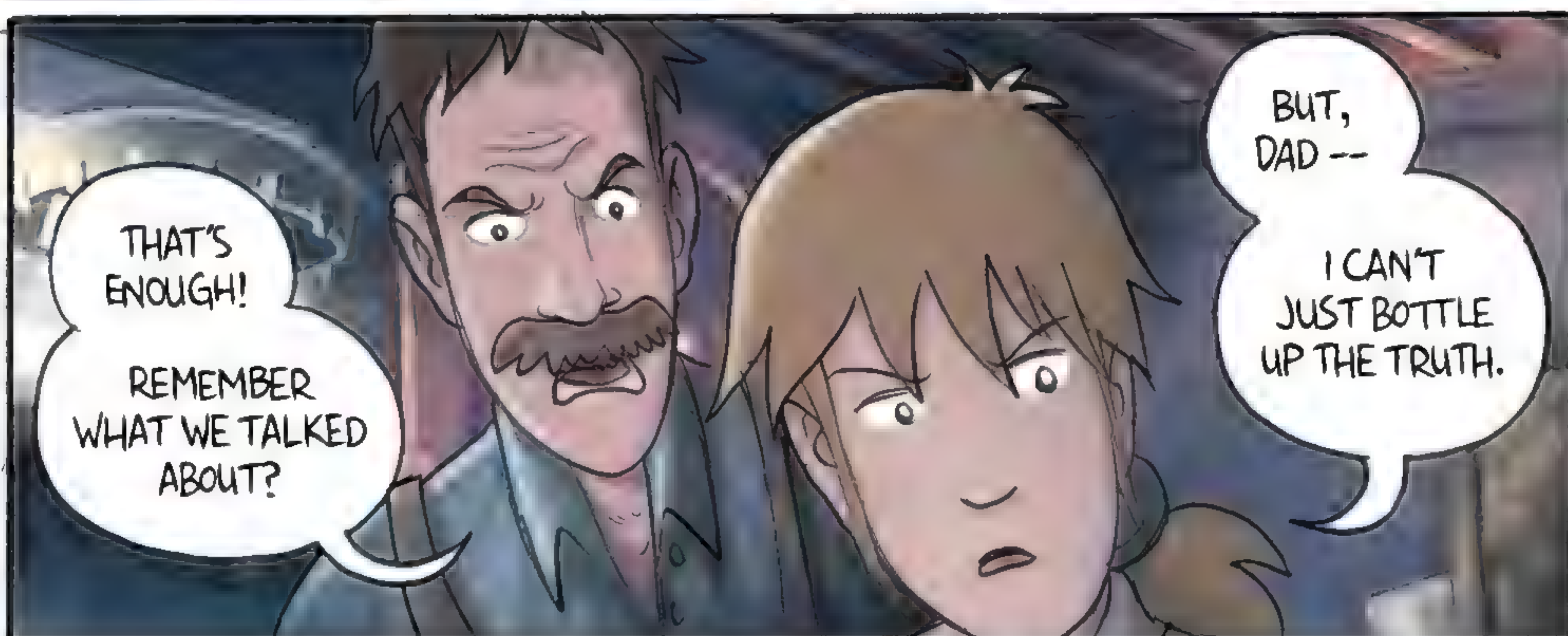
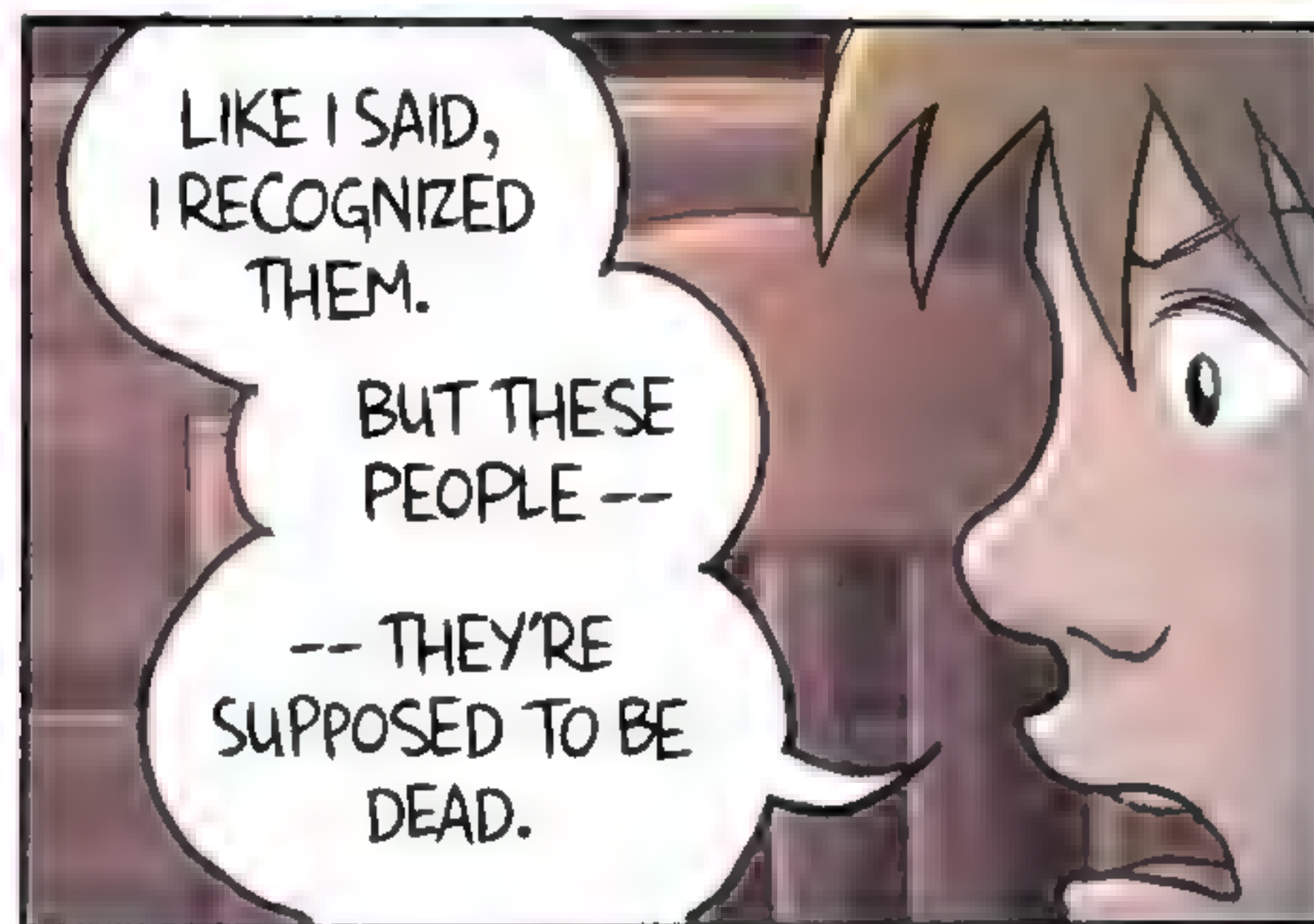








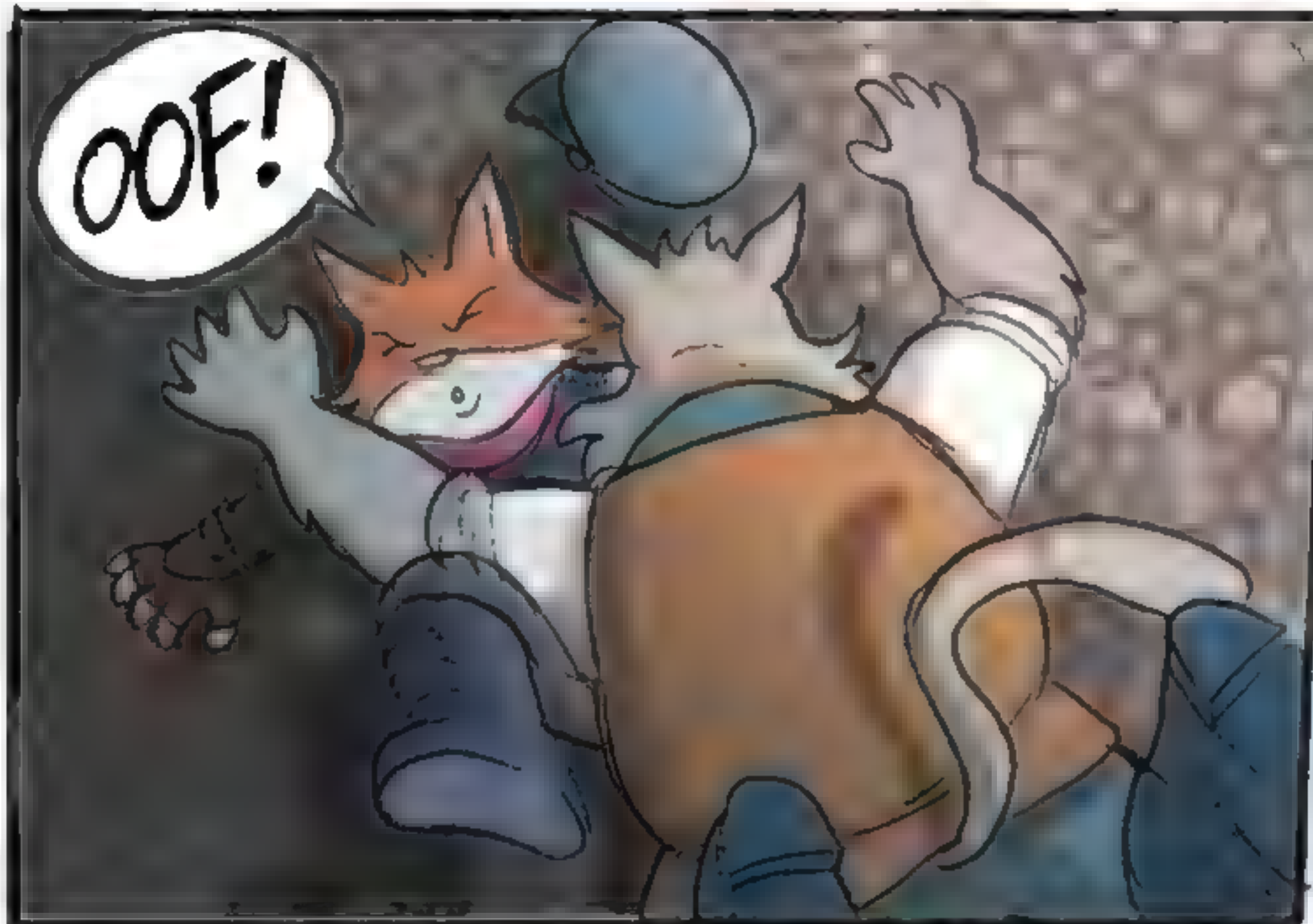


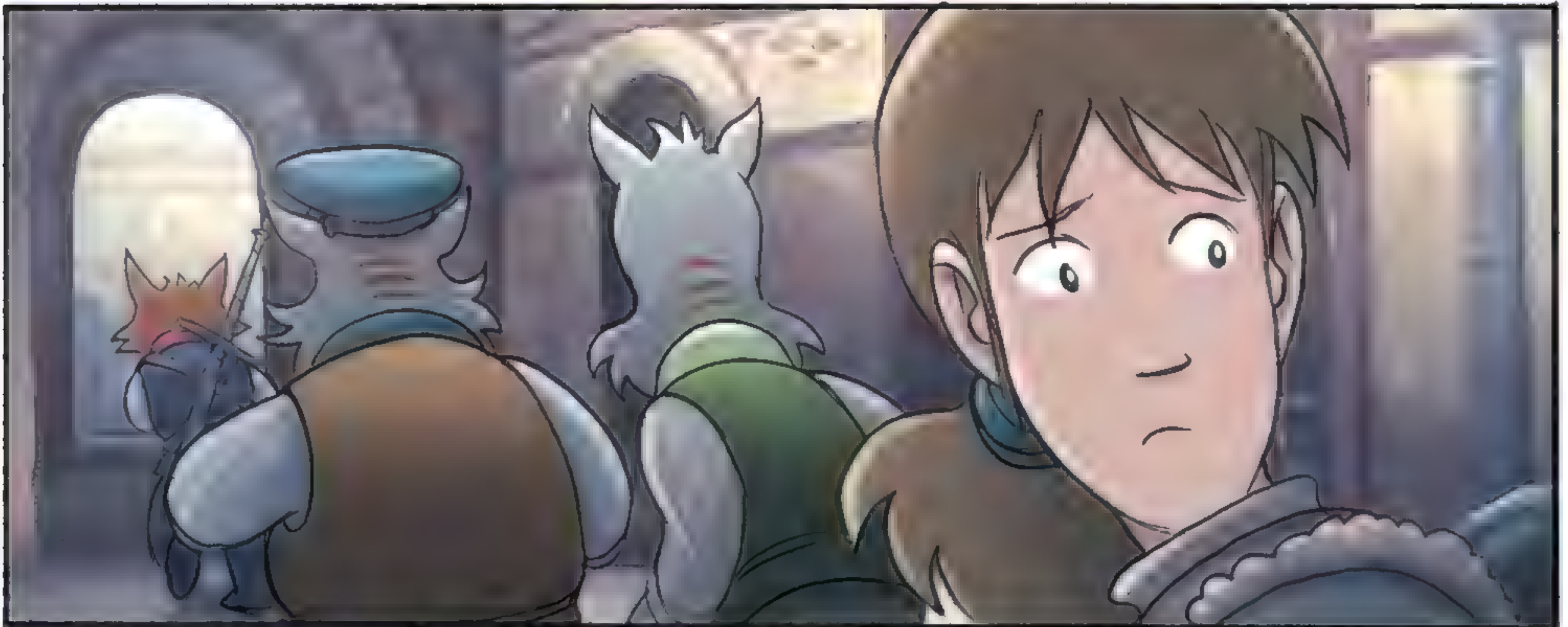








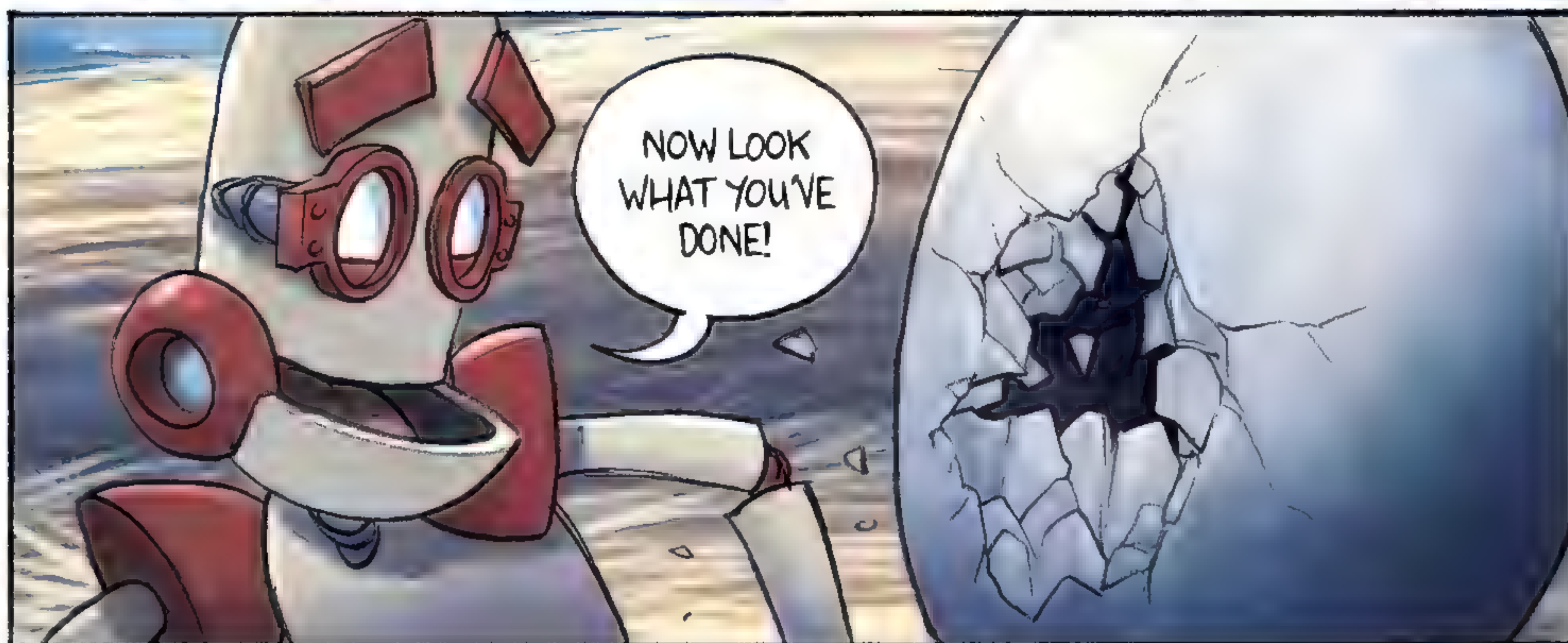
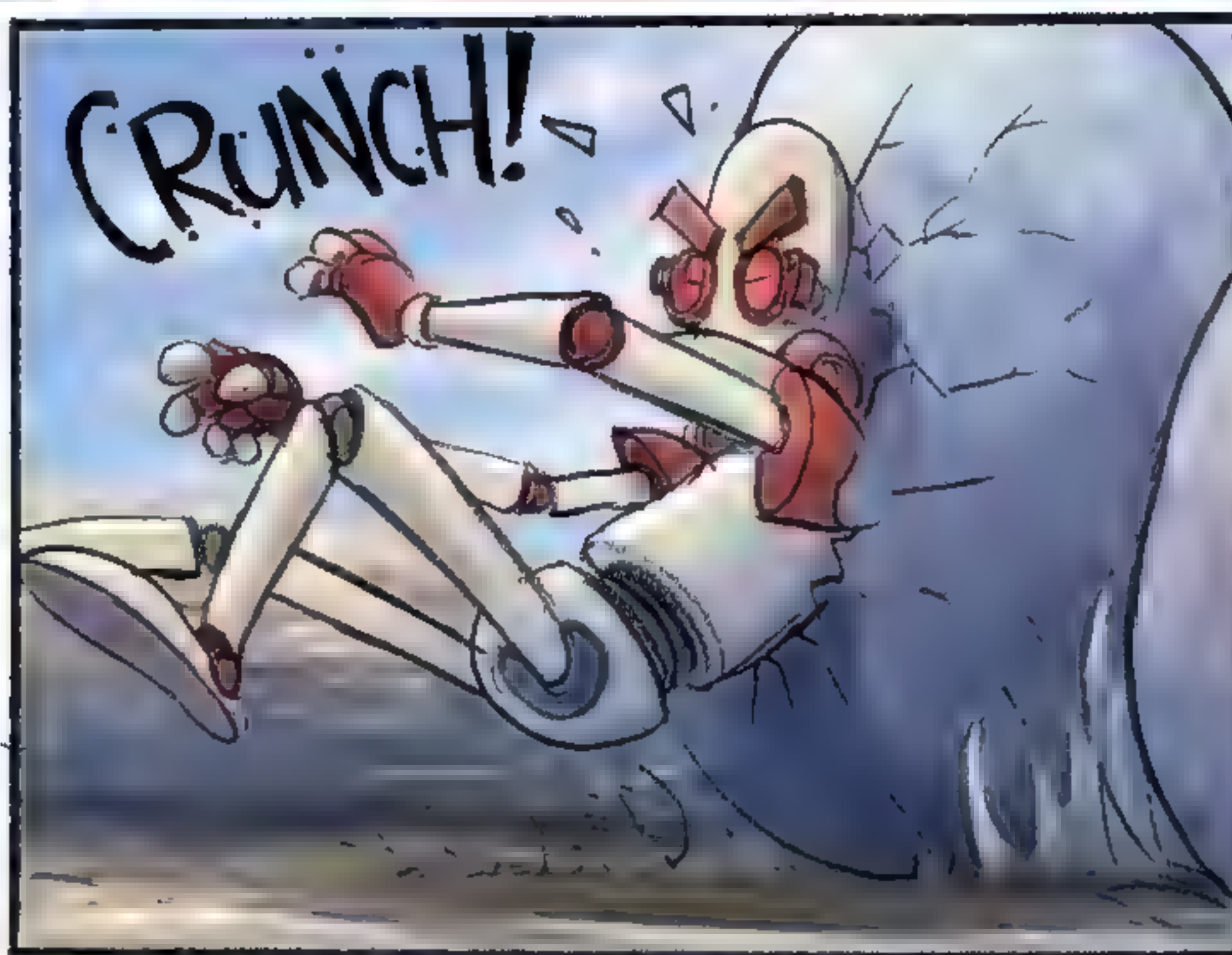
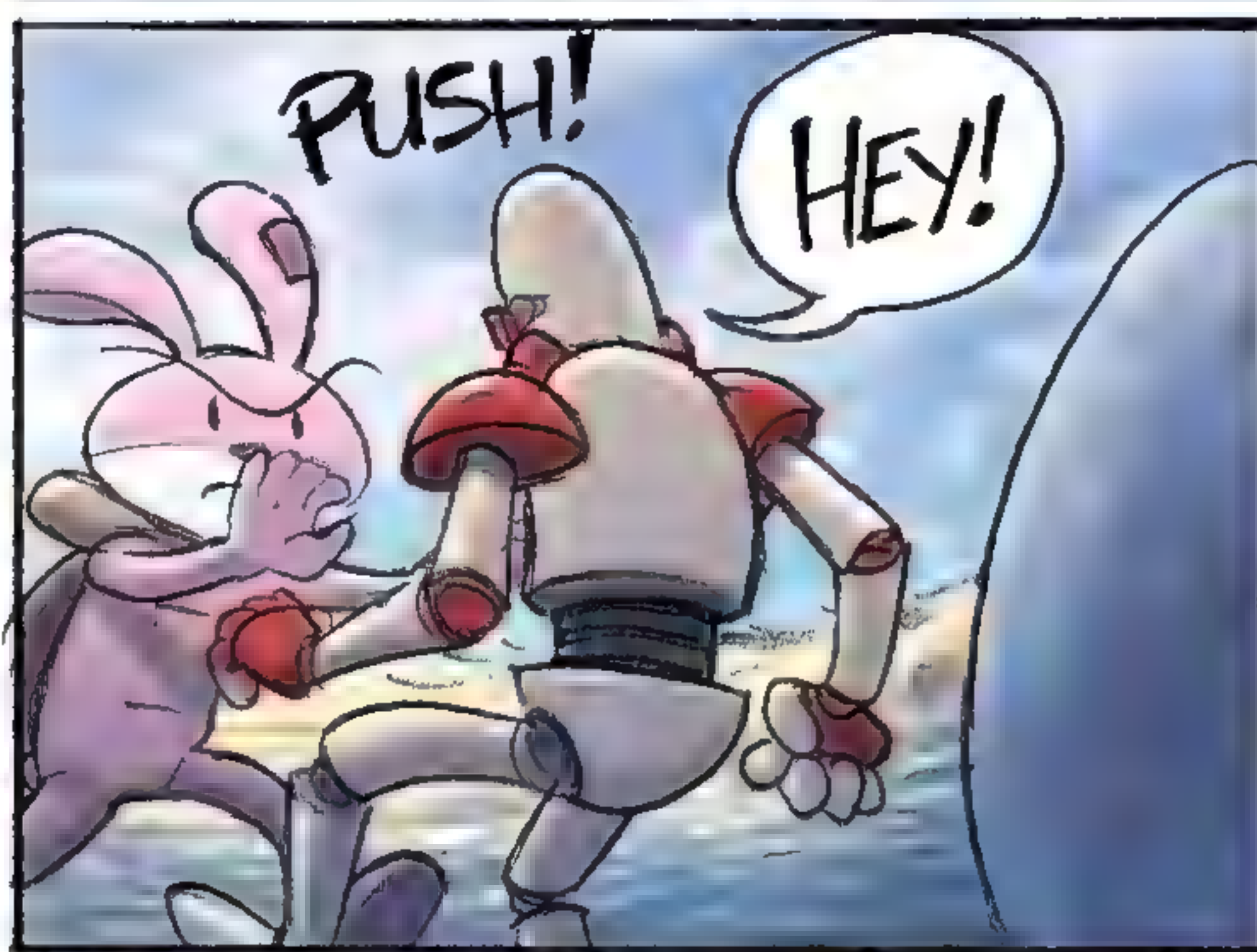


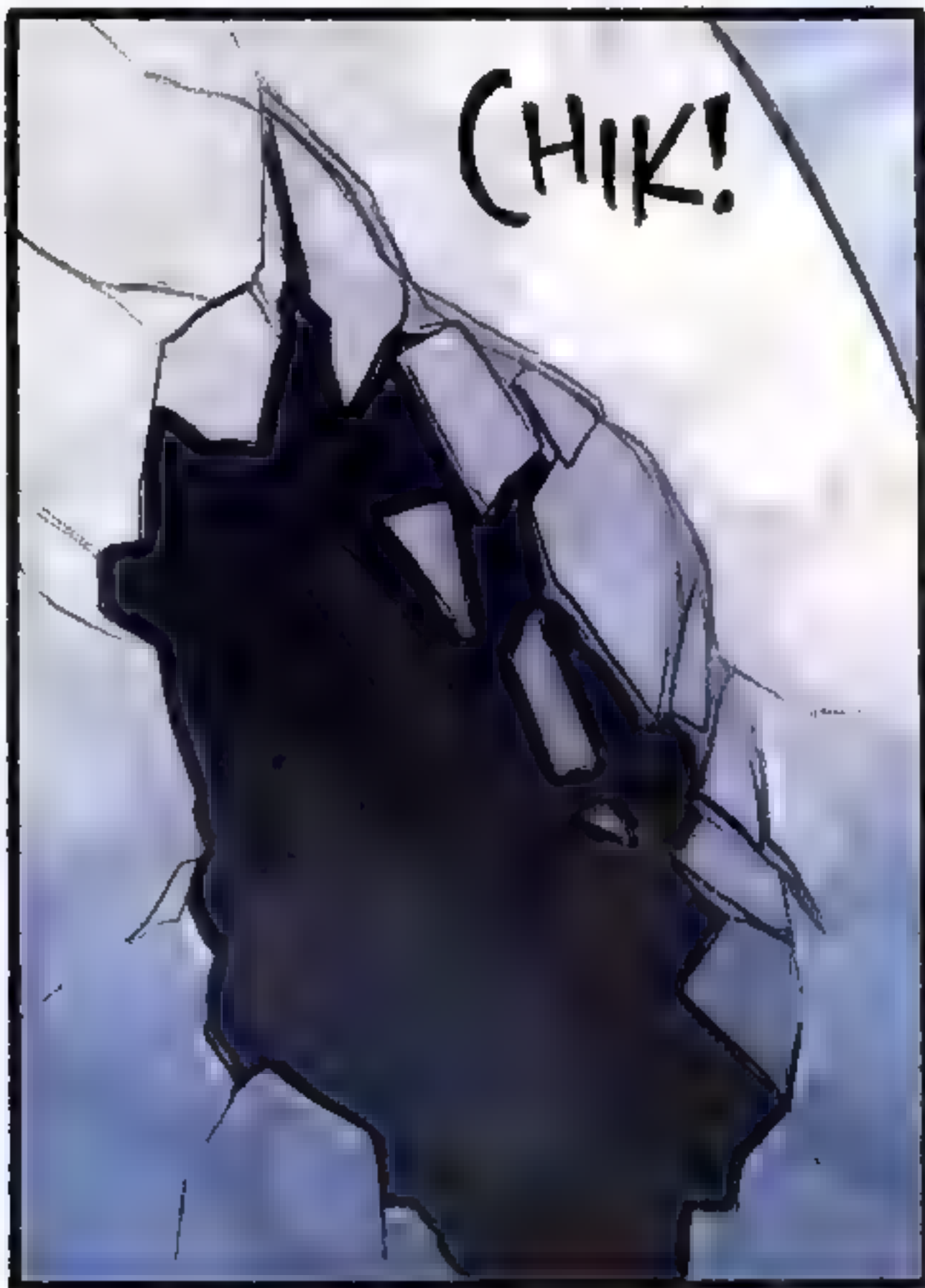




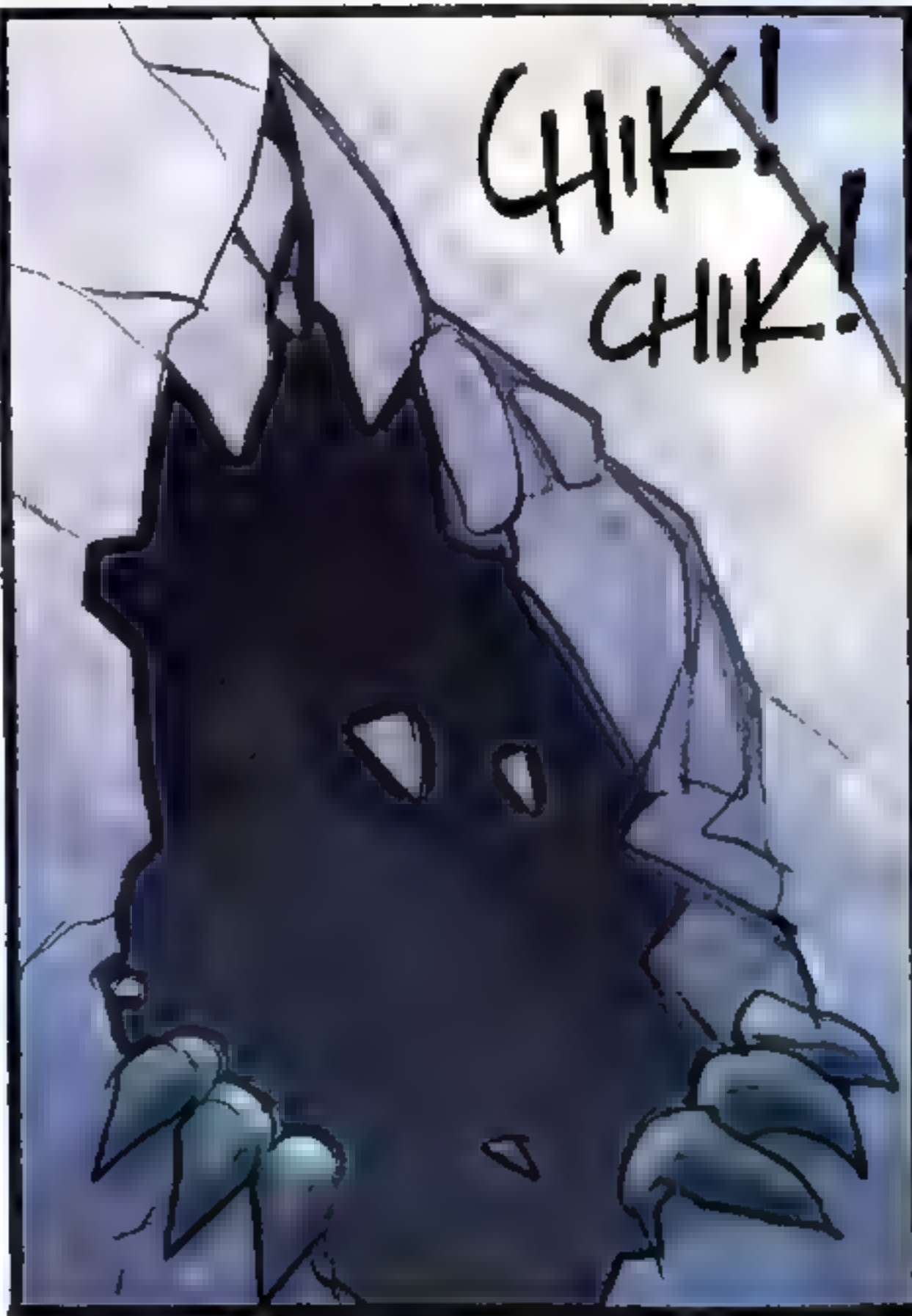




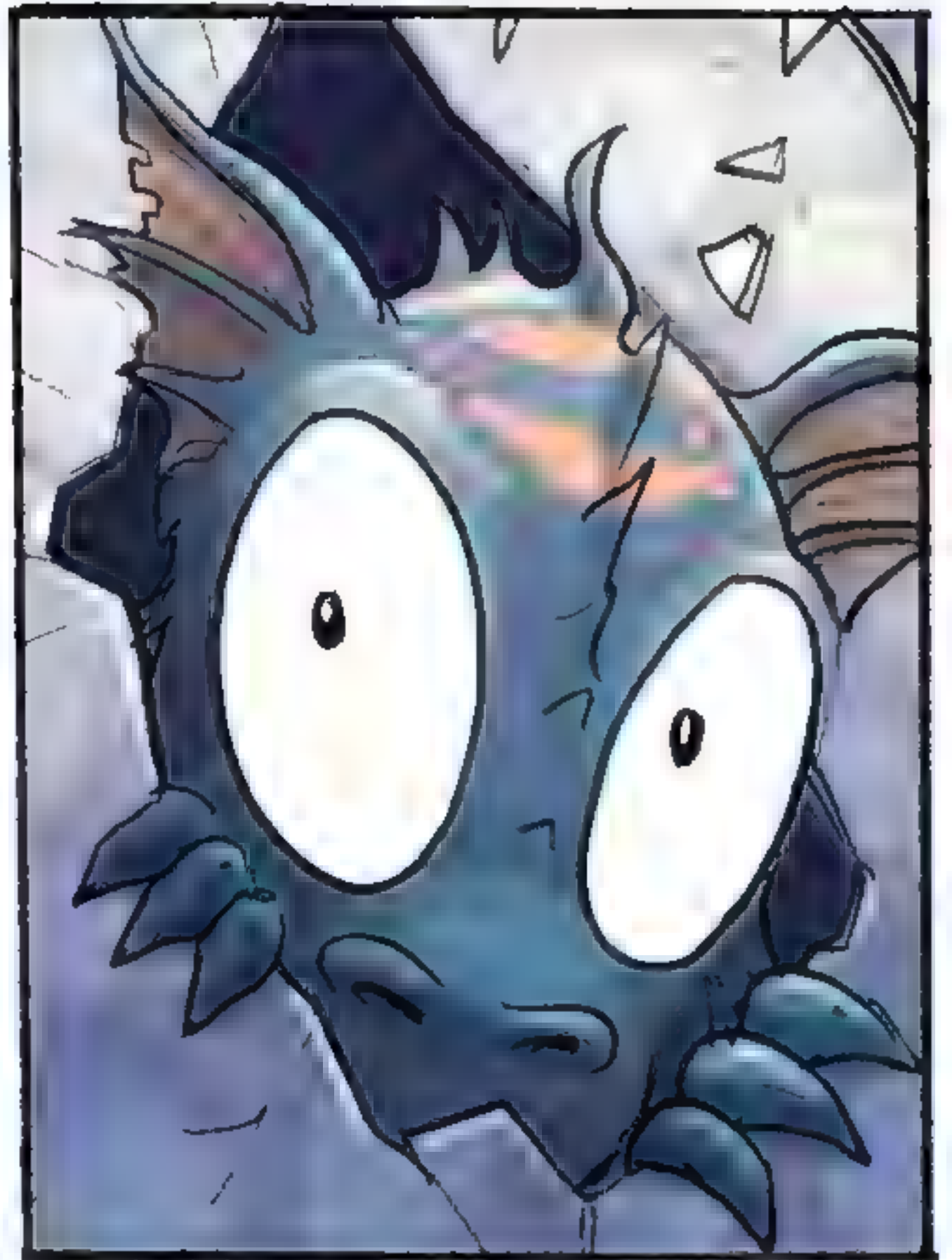




CHIK!



CHIK!
CHIK!

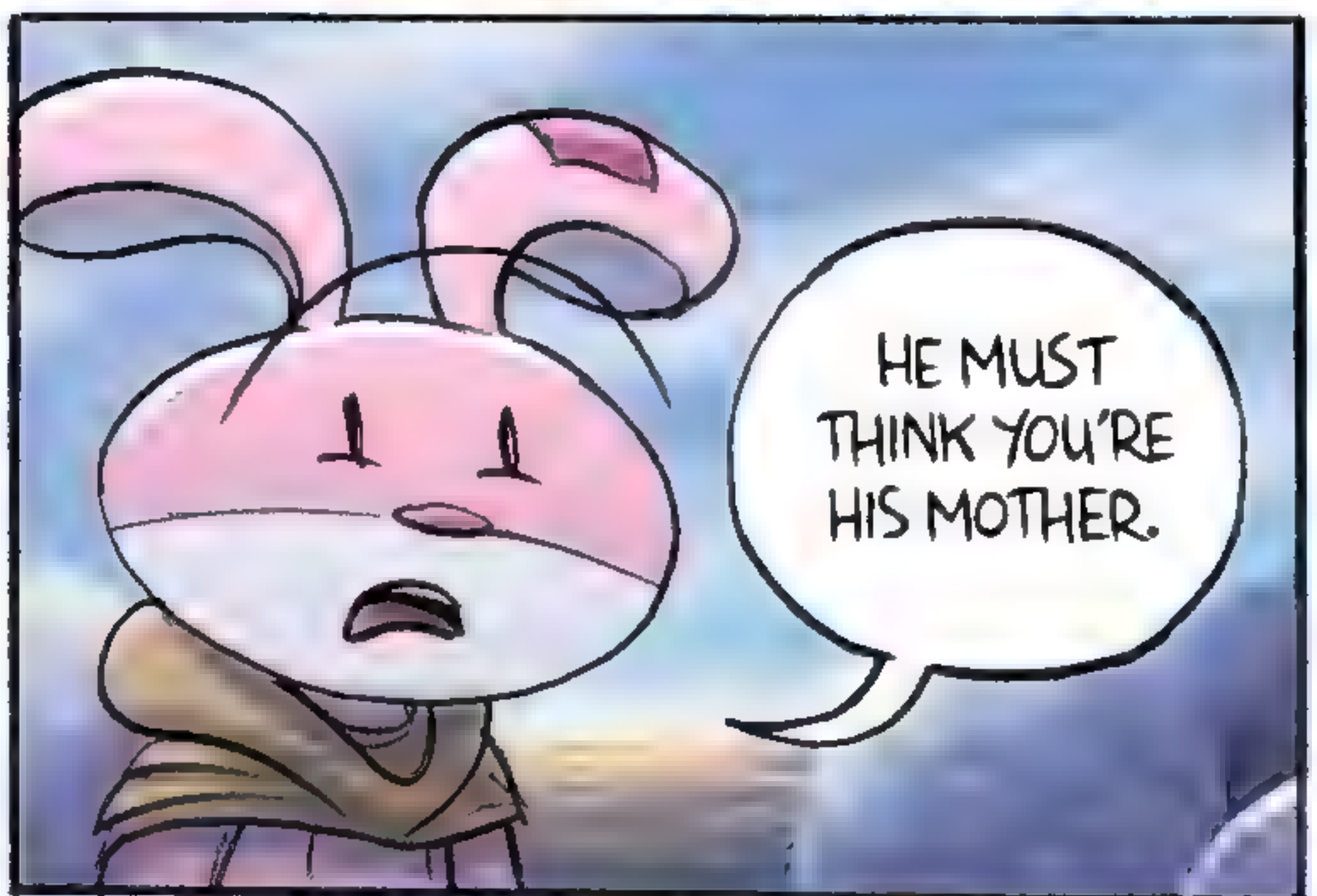


UH-OH.



HE'S LOOKING
AT ME FUNNY.
WHAT DOES HE
WANT?

CHIK!
CHIK!

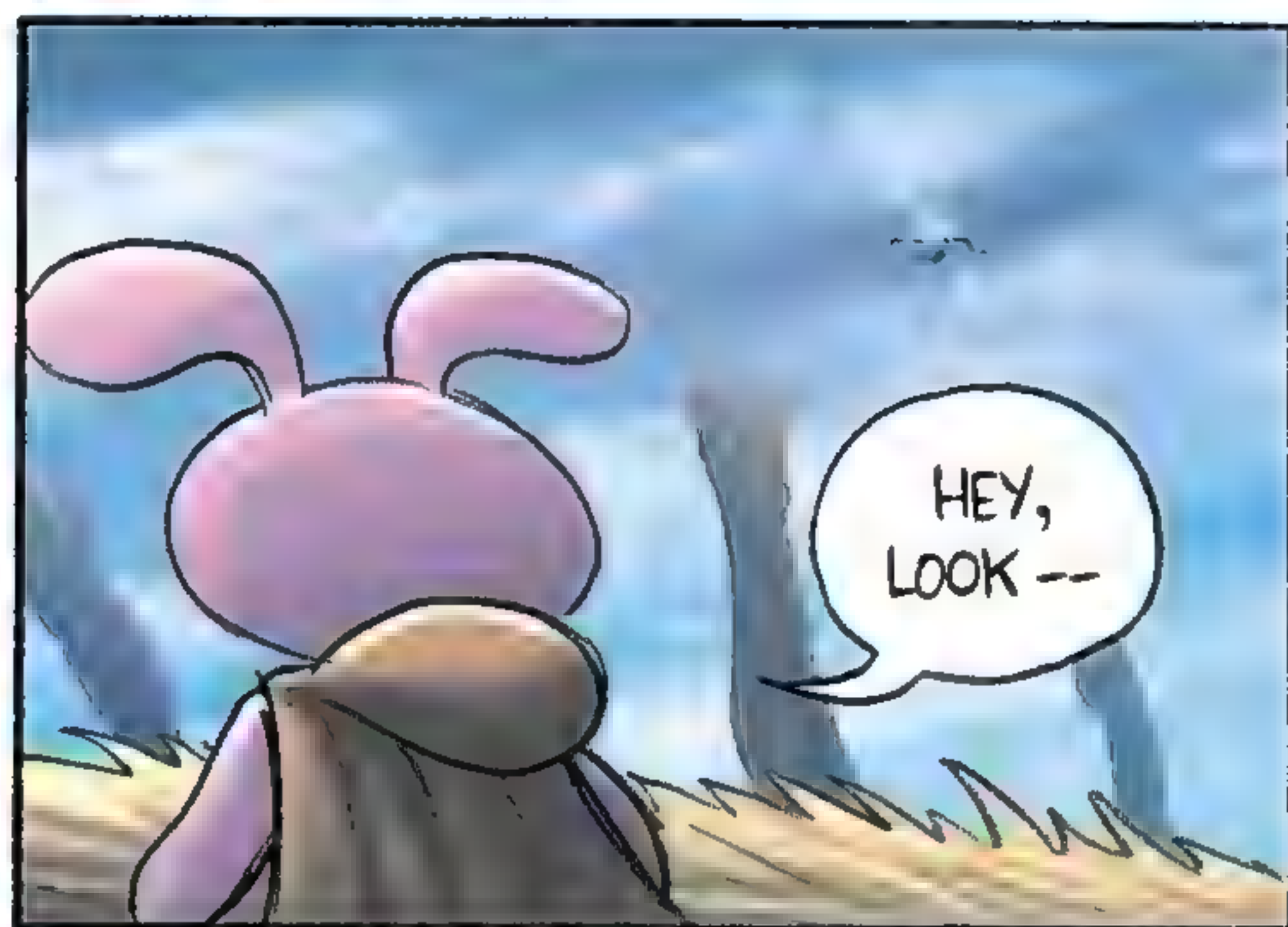
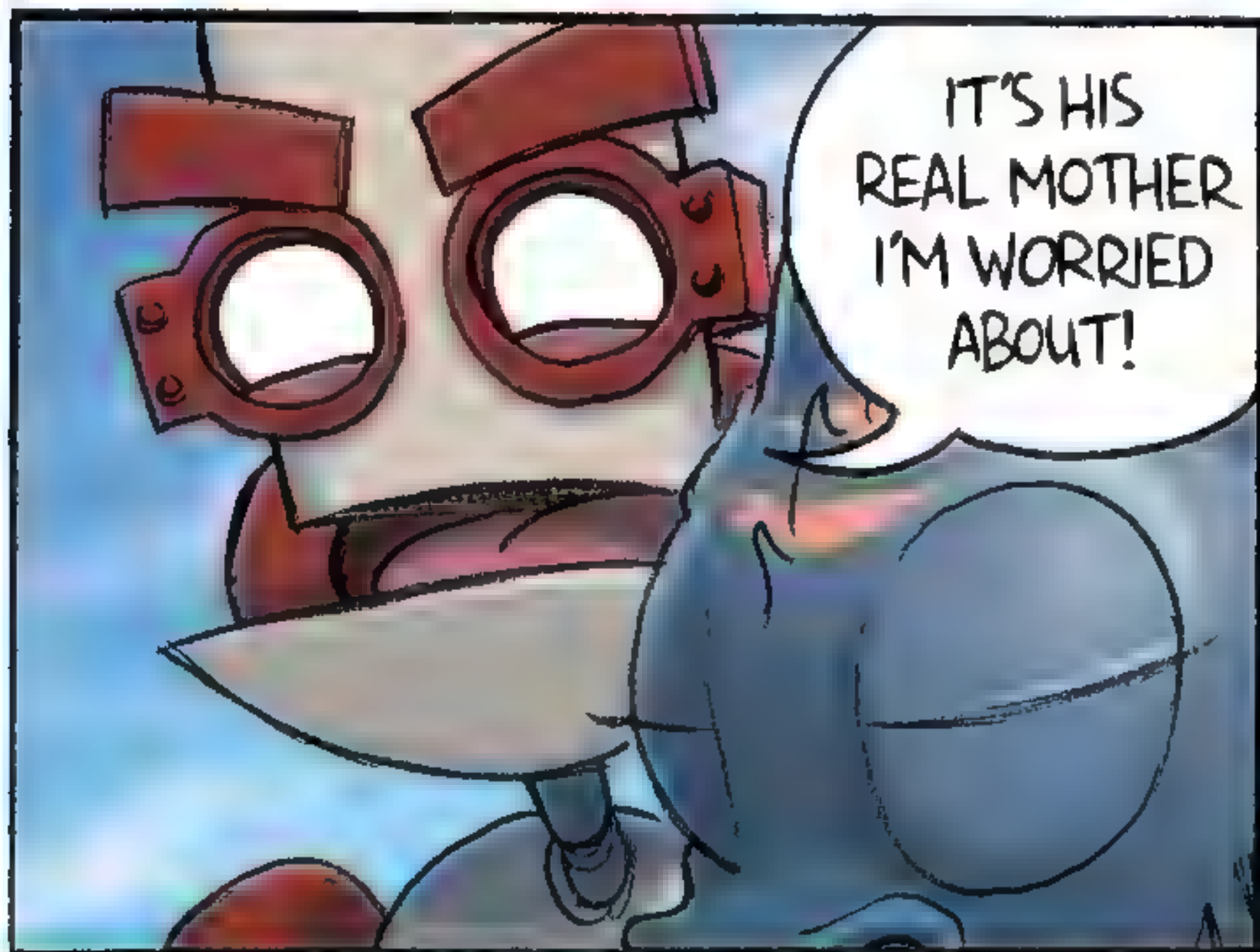


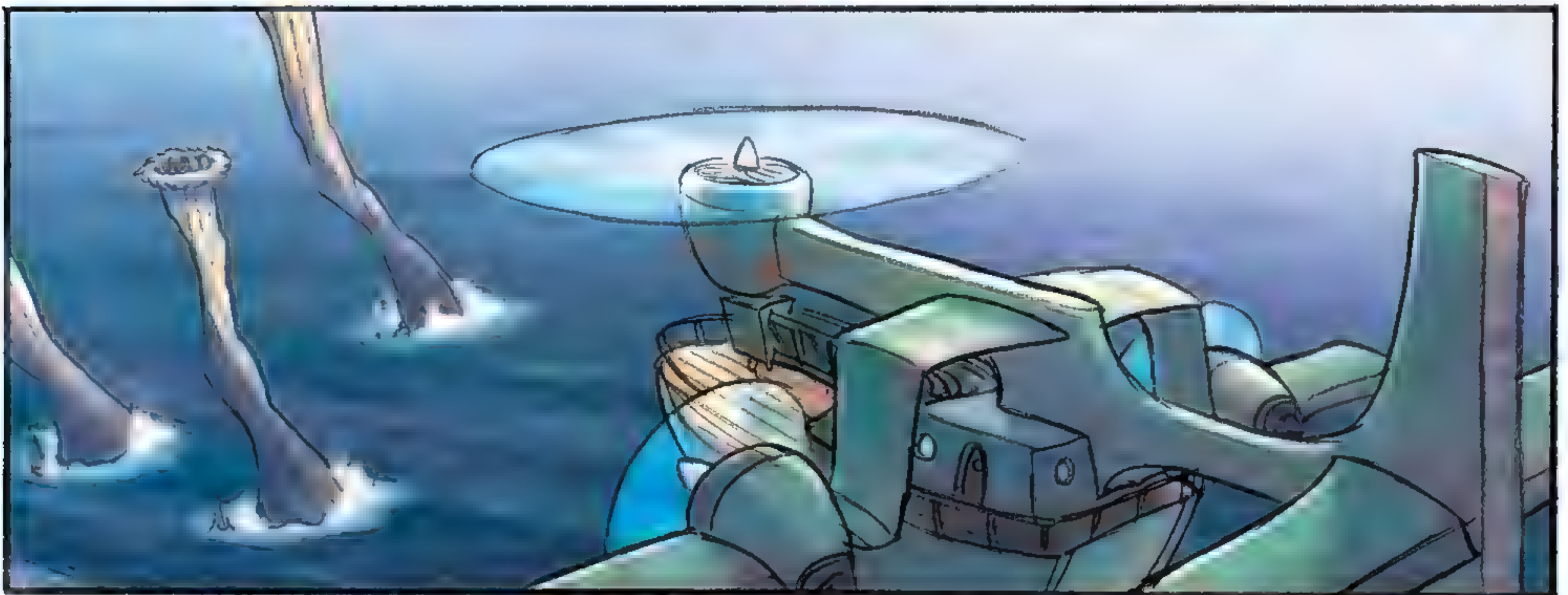
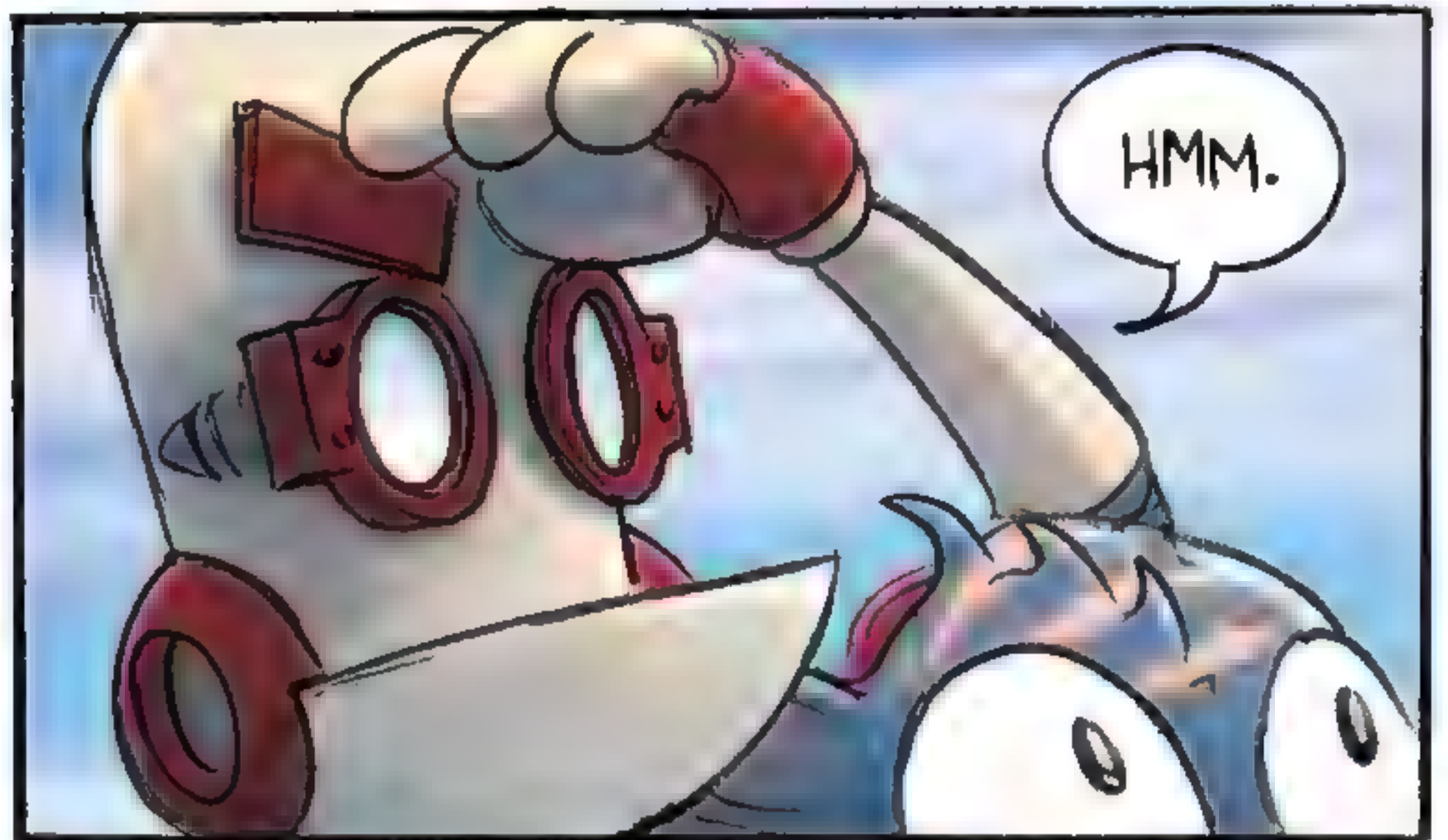
HE MUST
THINK YOU'RE
HIS MOTHER.



THAT'S A
BAD IDEA,
KID.

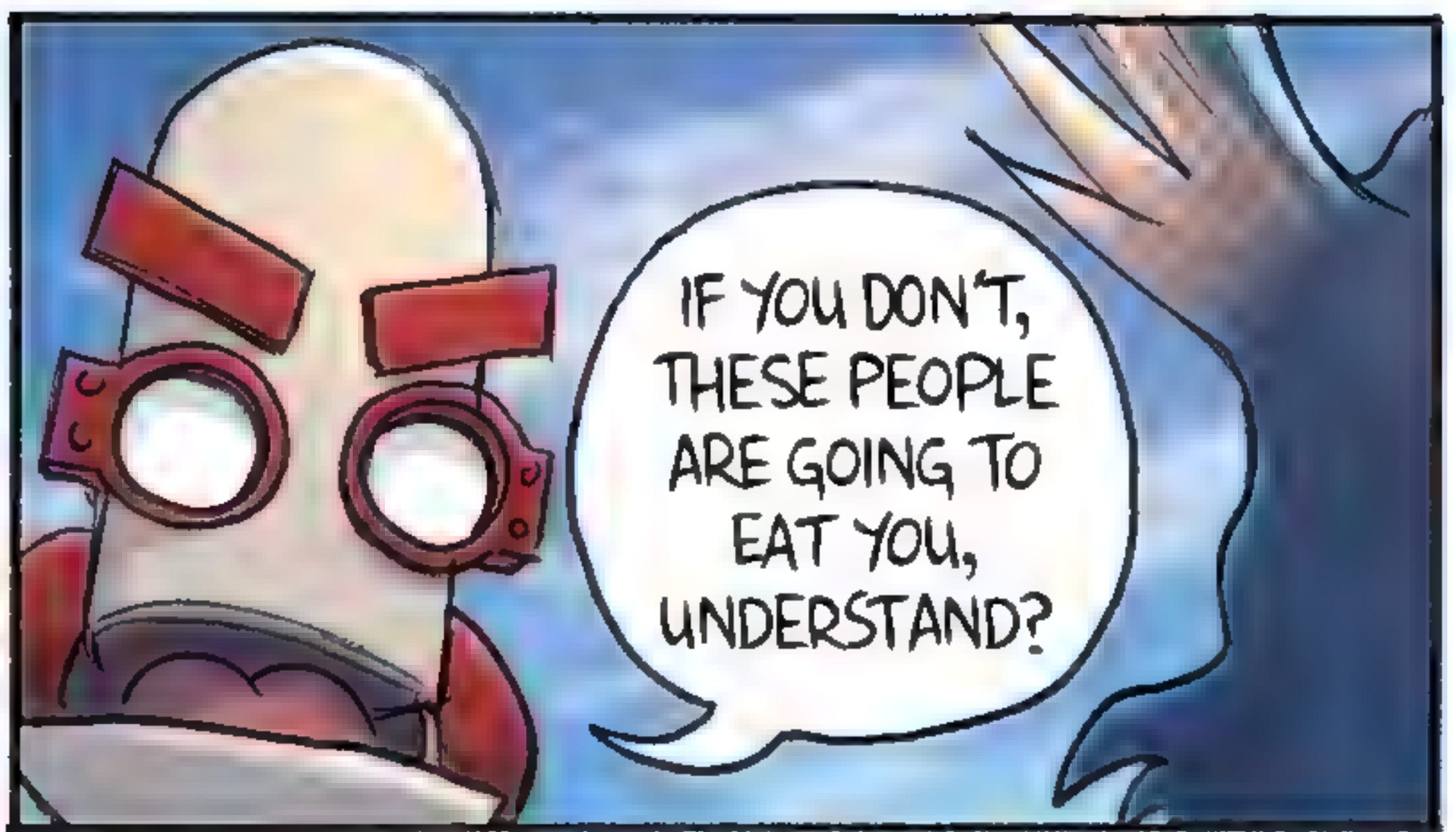
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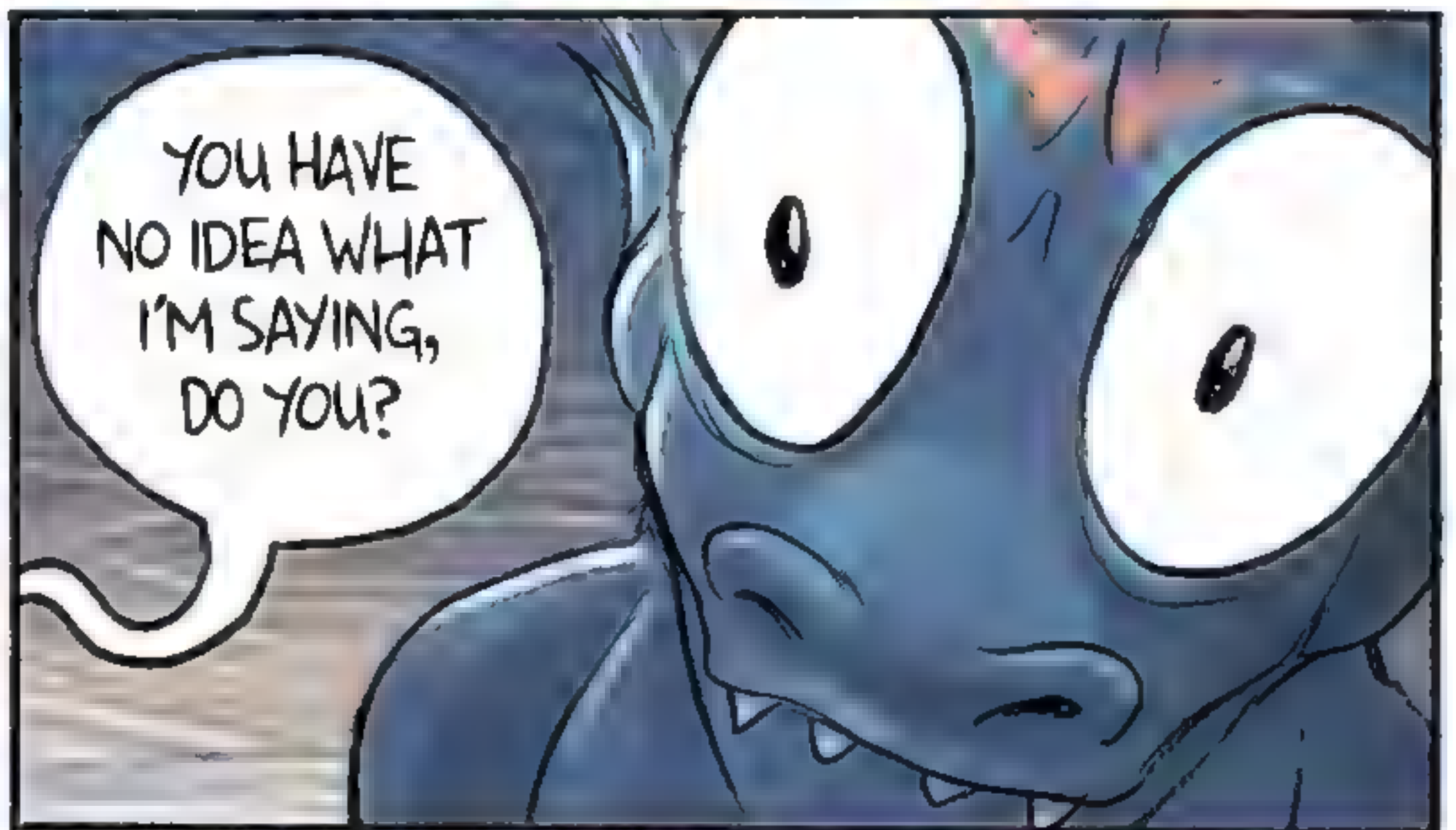




LISTEN TO
ME, KID.
YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAVE TO
FLY.



IF YOU DON'T,
THESE PEOPLE
ARE GOING TO
EAT YOU,
UNDERSTAND?



YOU HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
I'M SAYING,
DO YOU?



HERE
THEY COME,
COGSLEY!



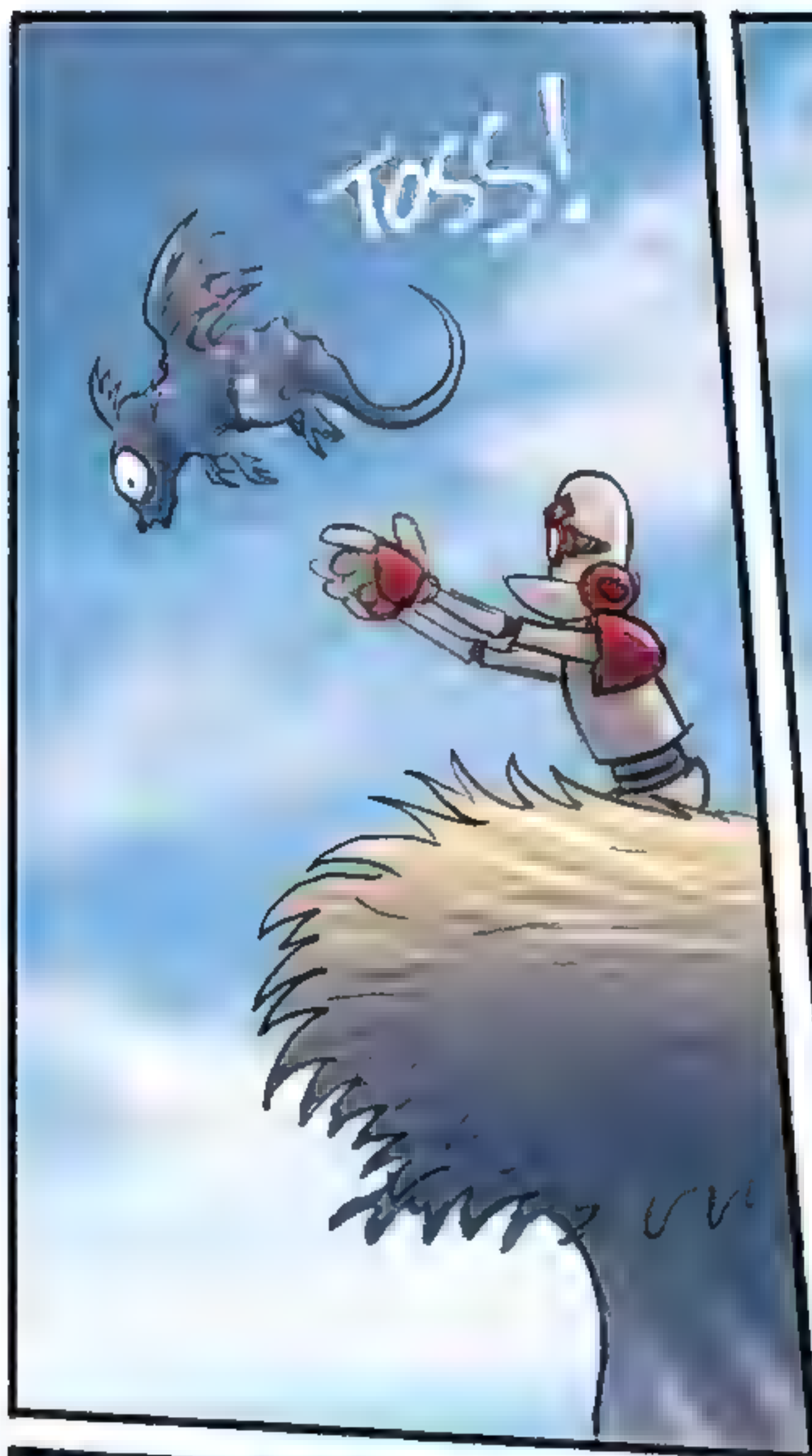
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

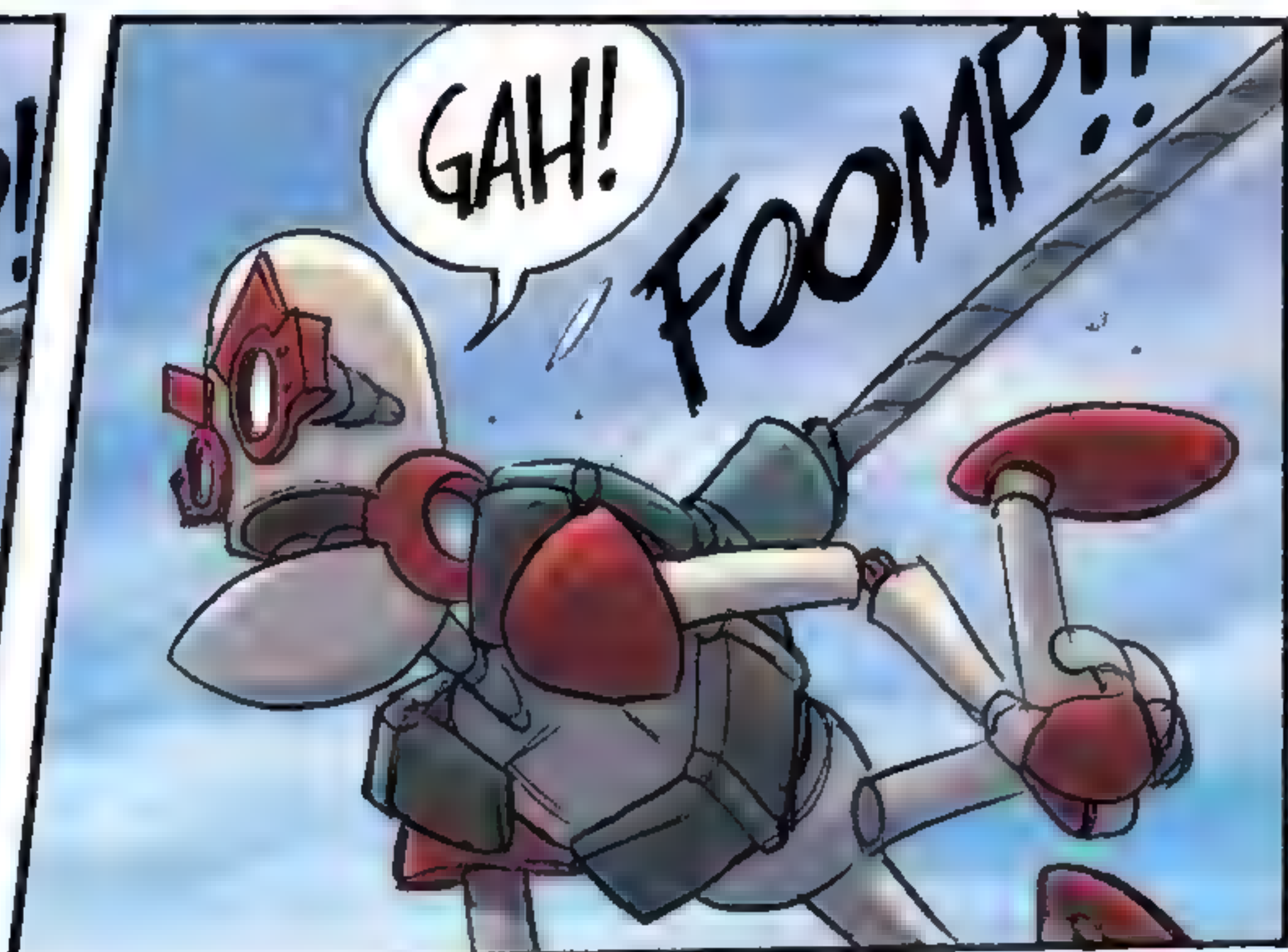
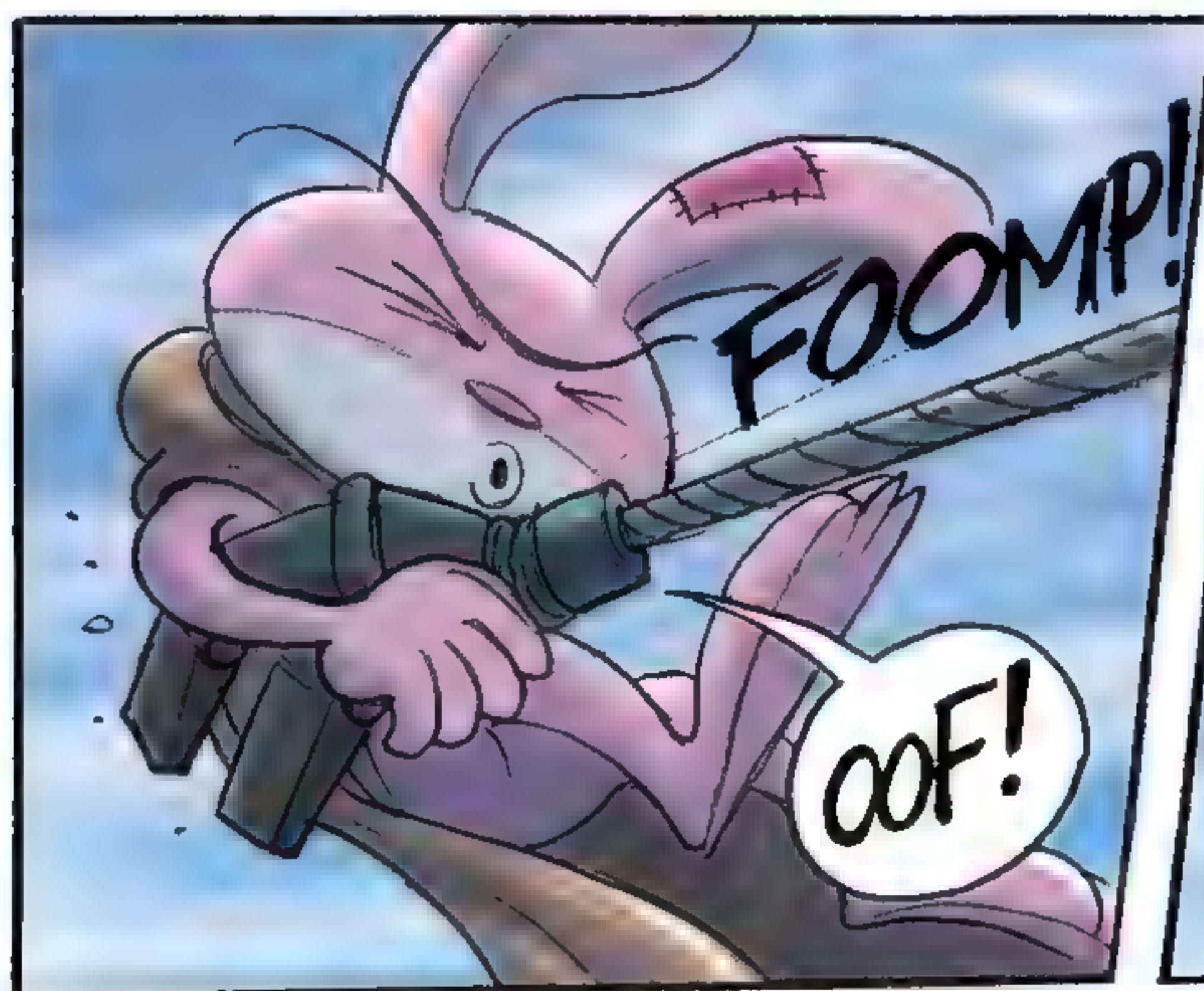
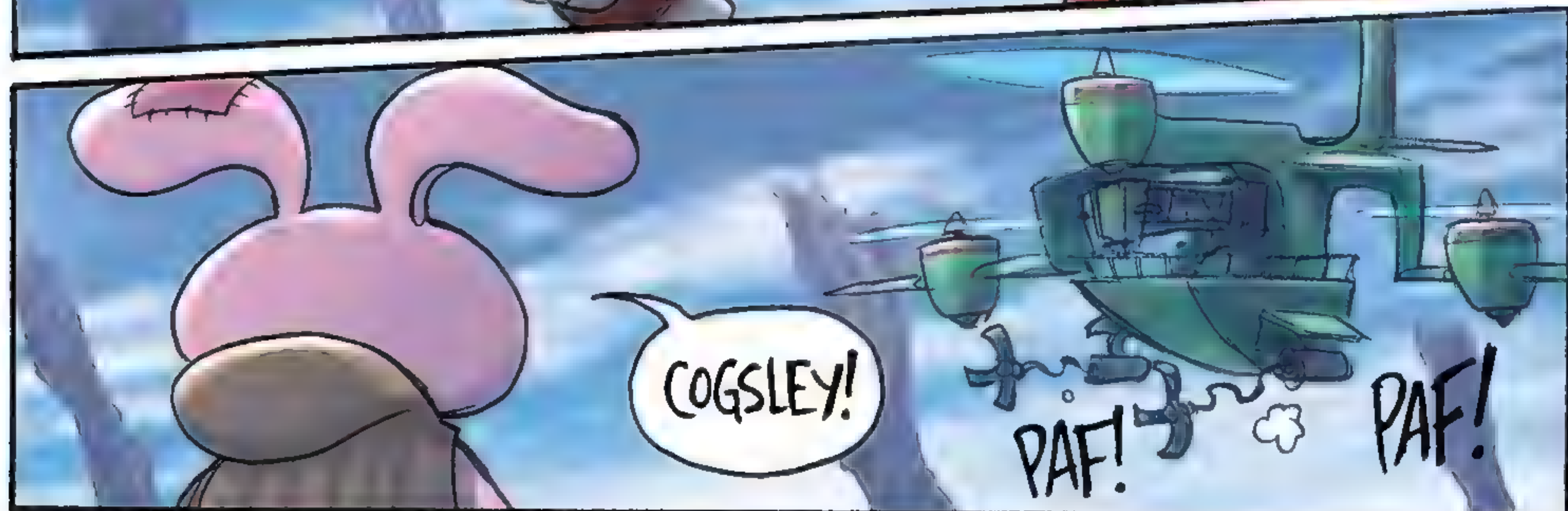
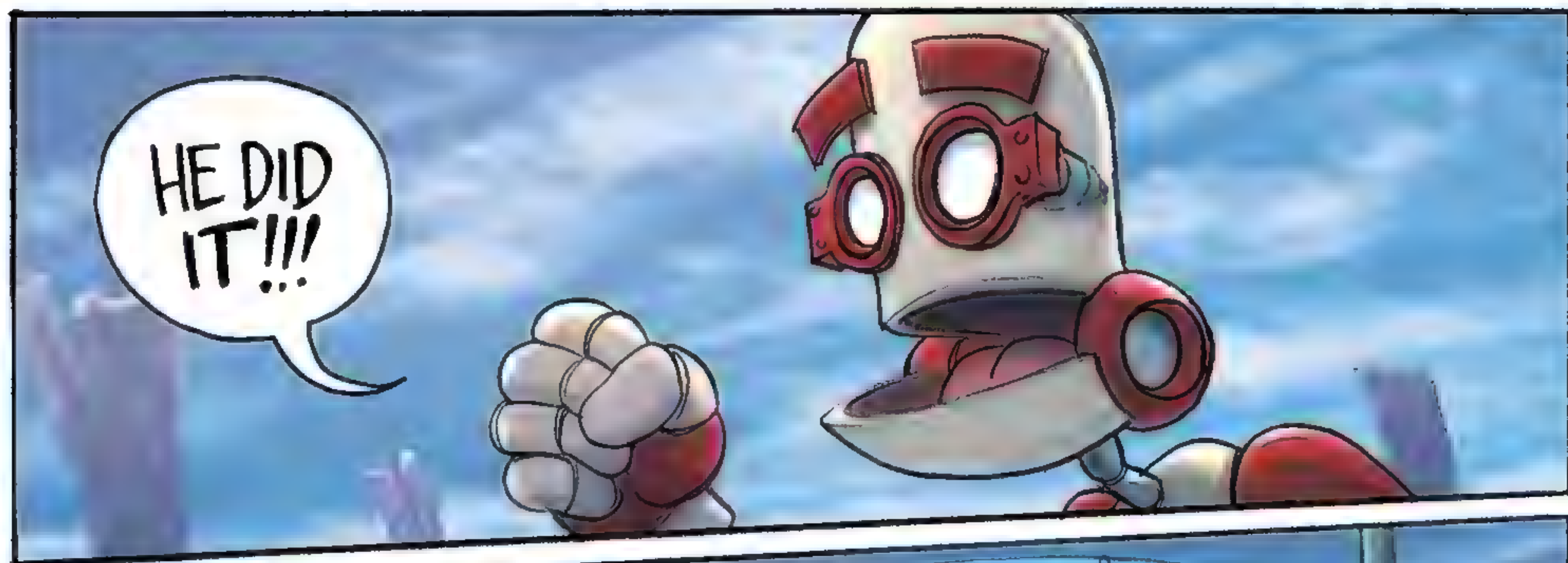


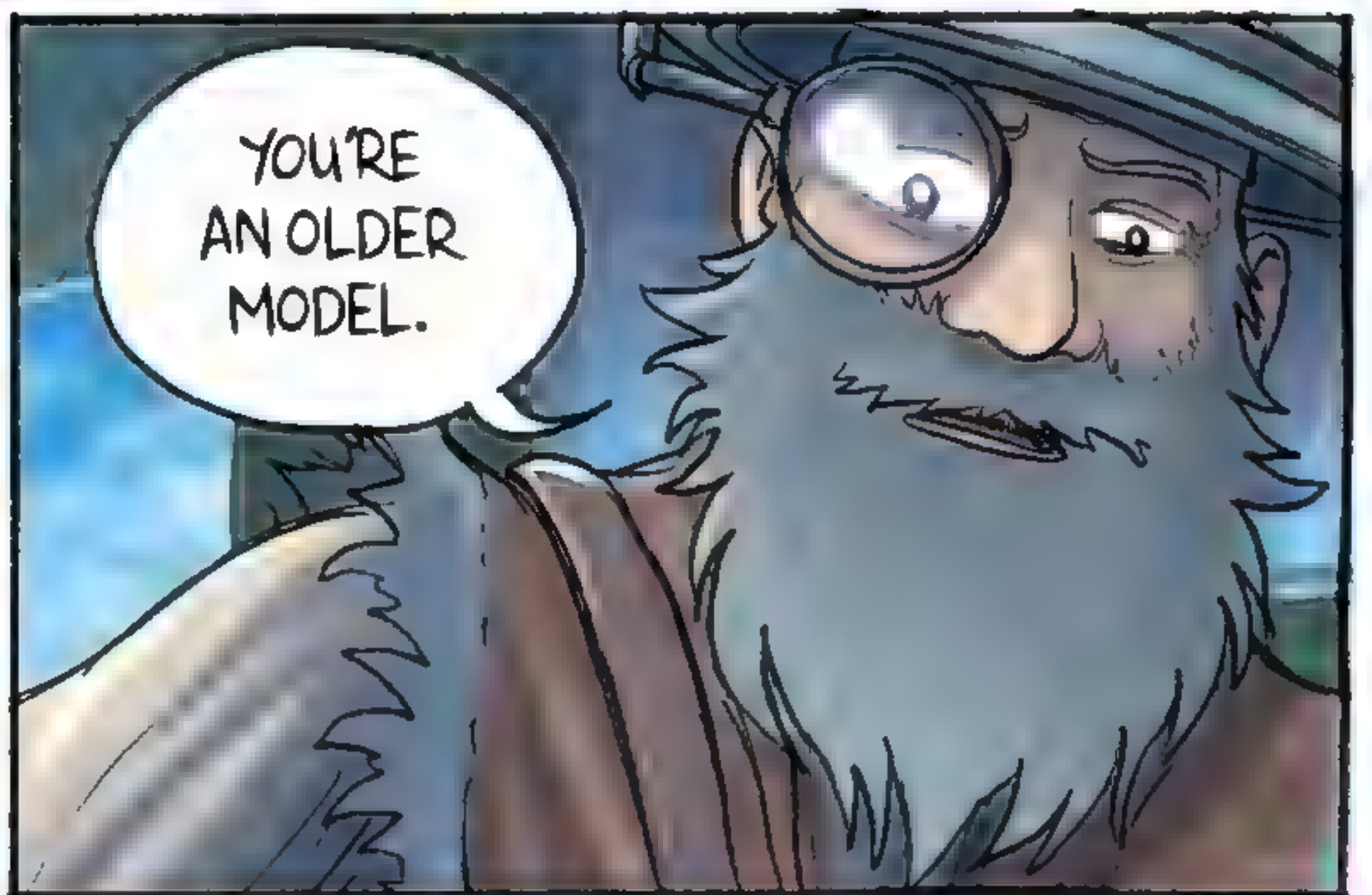
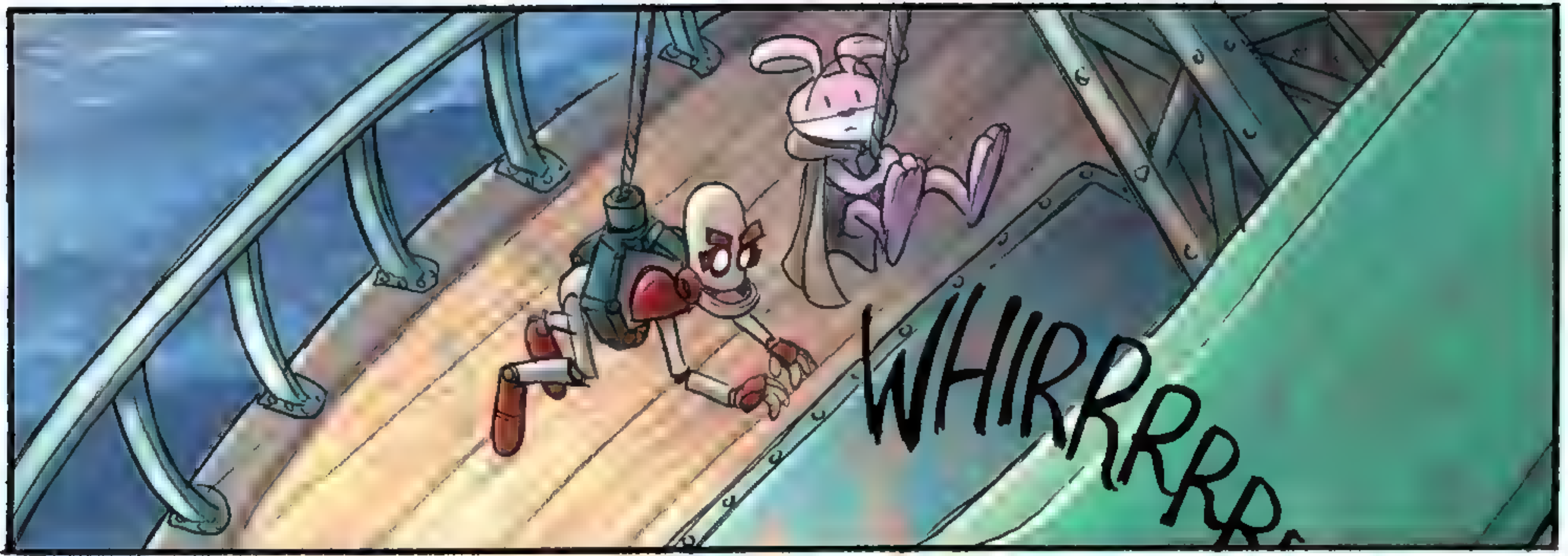
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FOR HIS OWN
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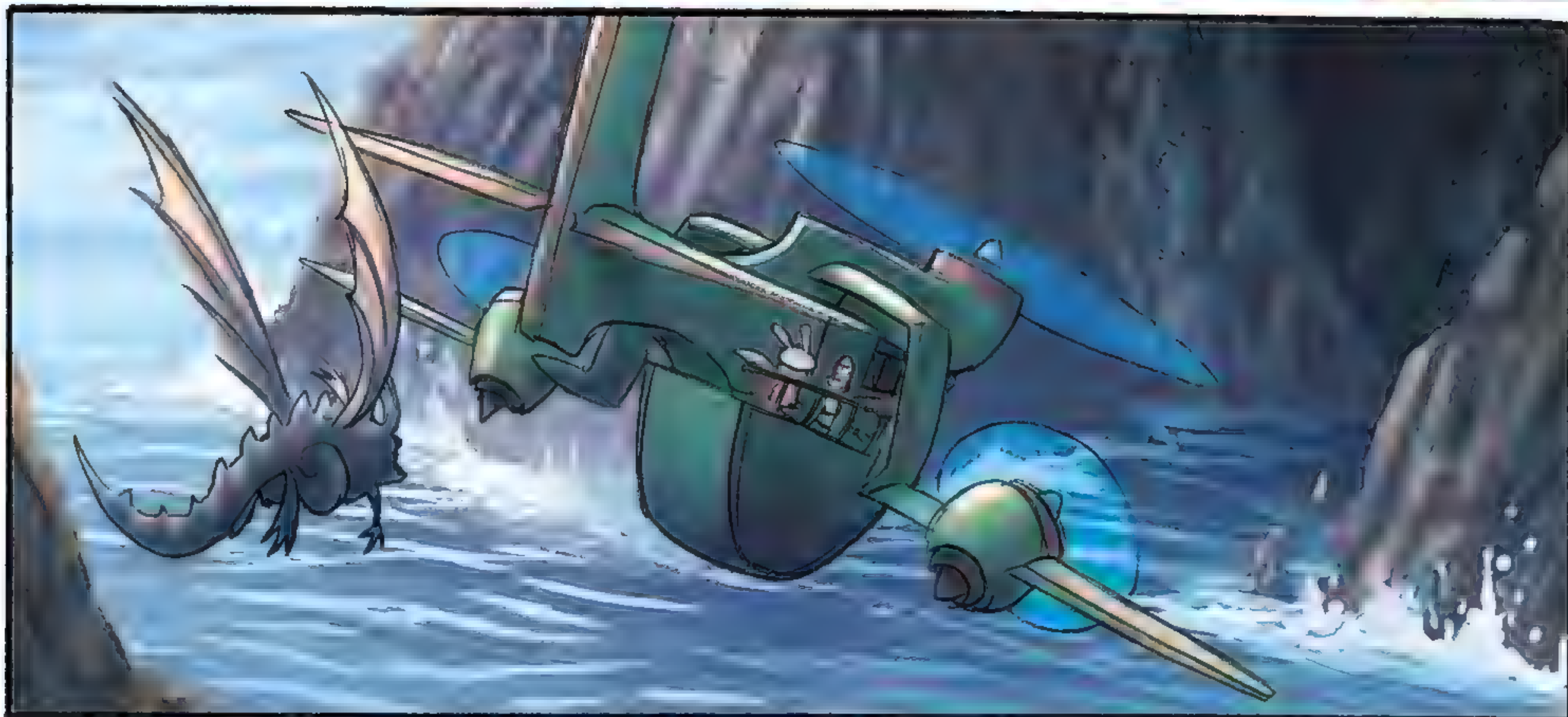
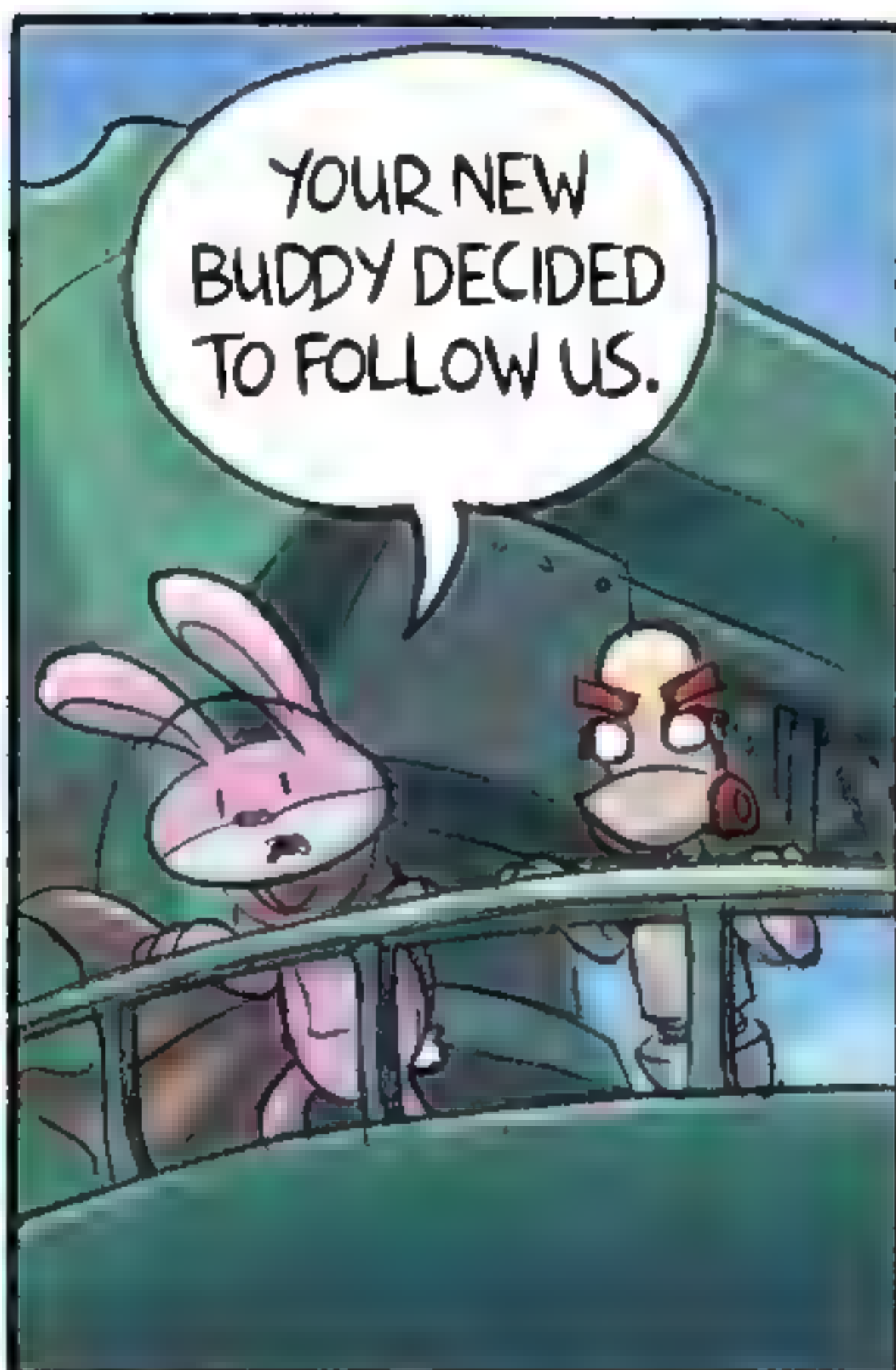


YOU'LL
THANK ME
FOR THIS,
SOMEDAY.



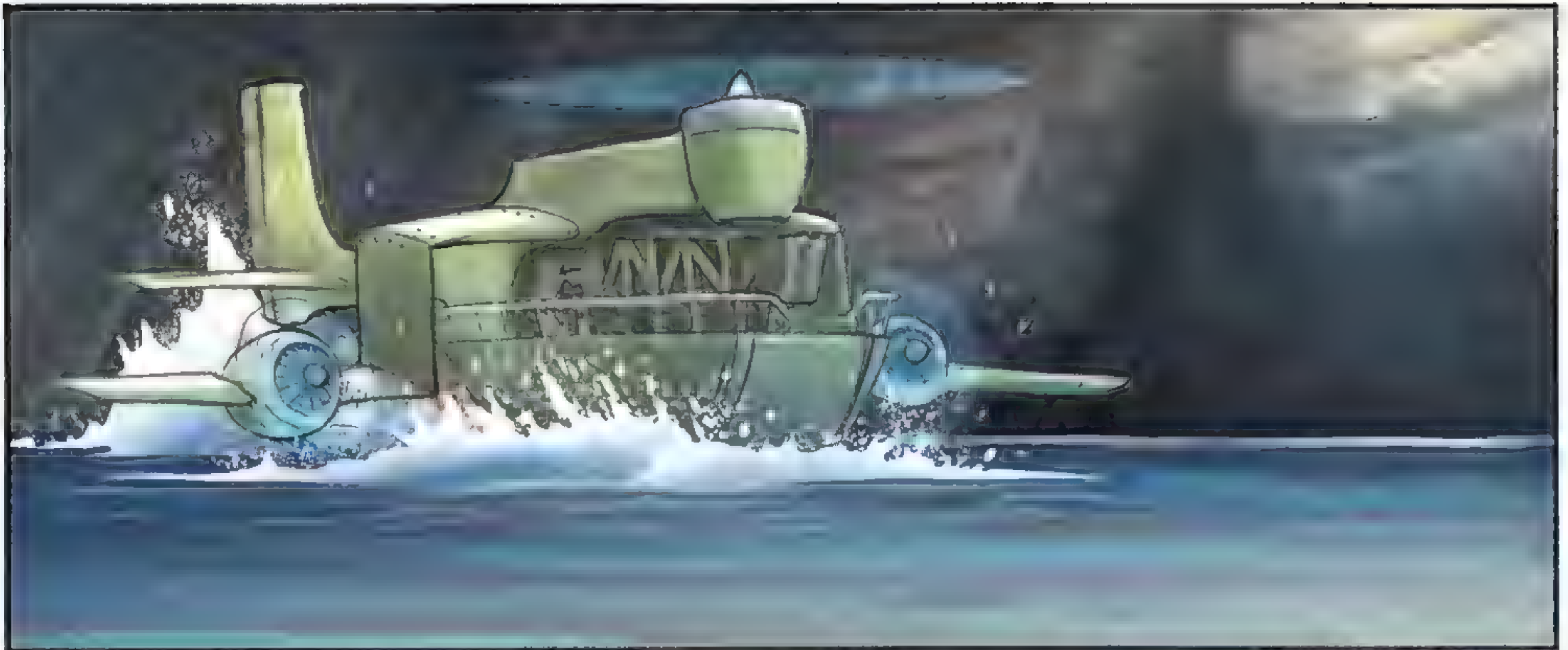


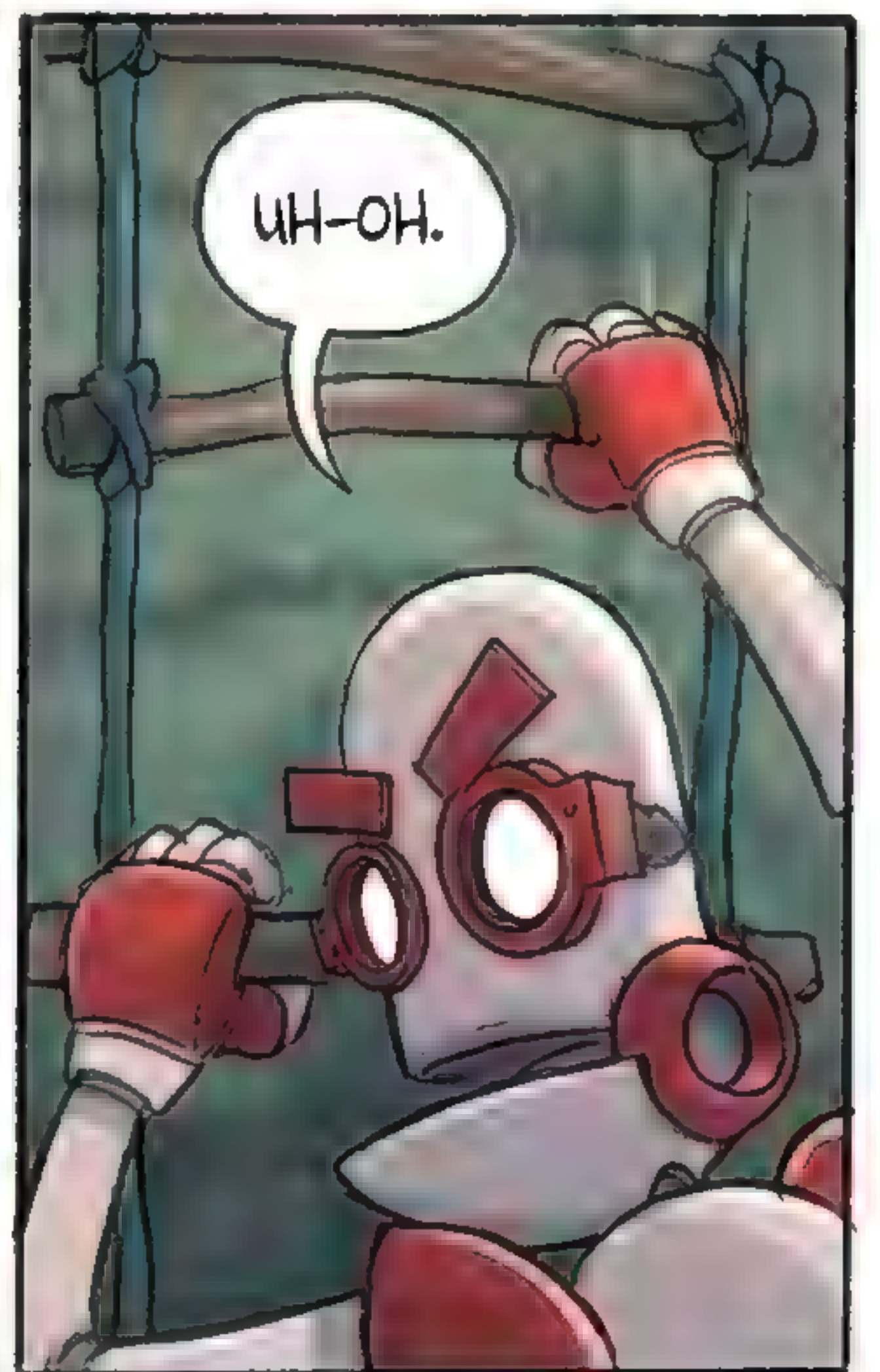
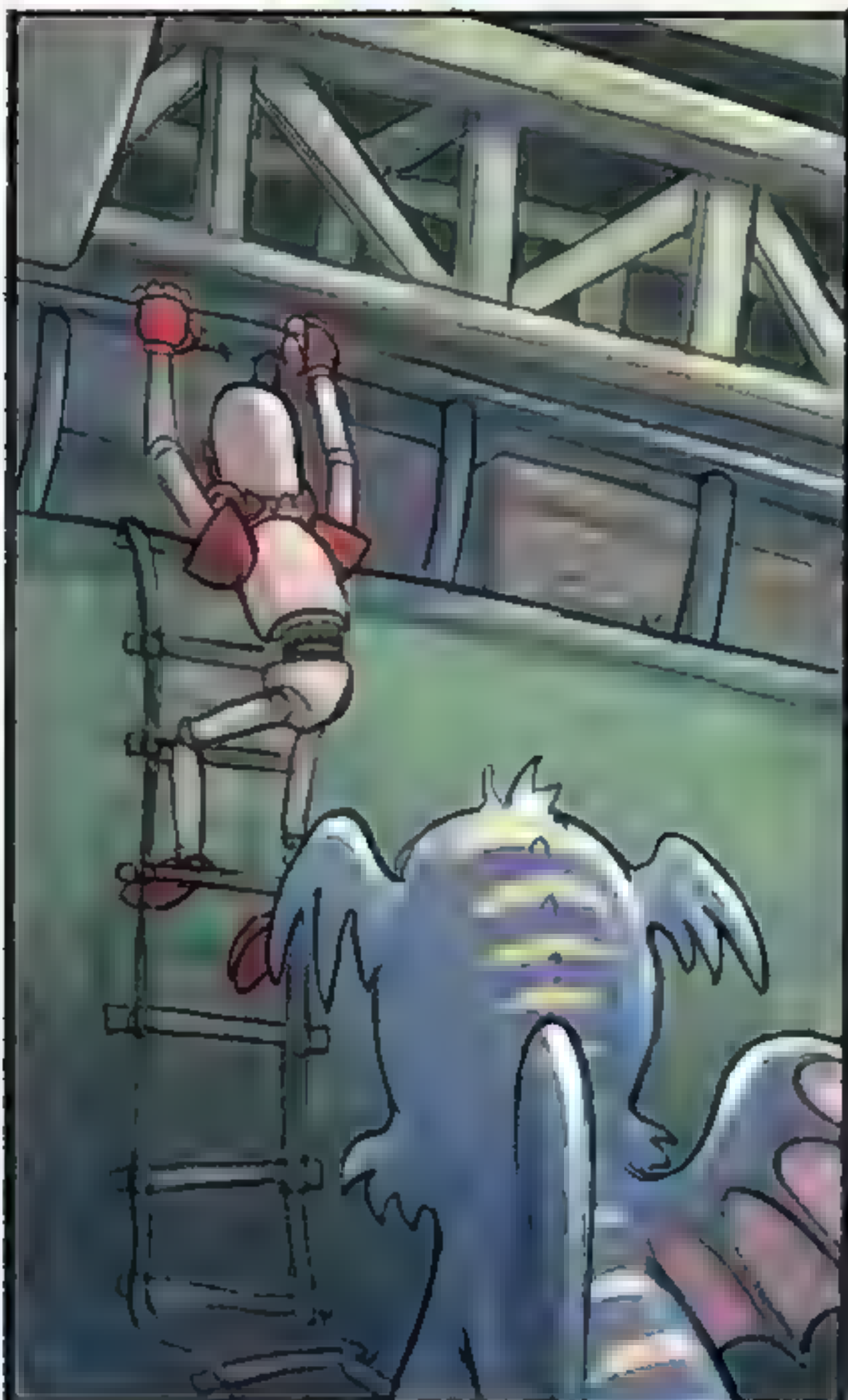


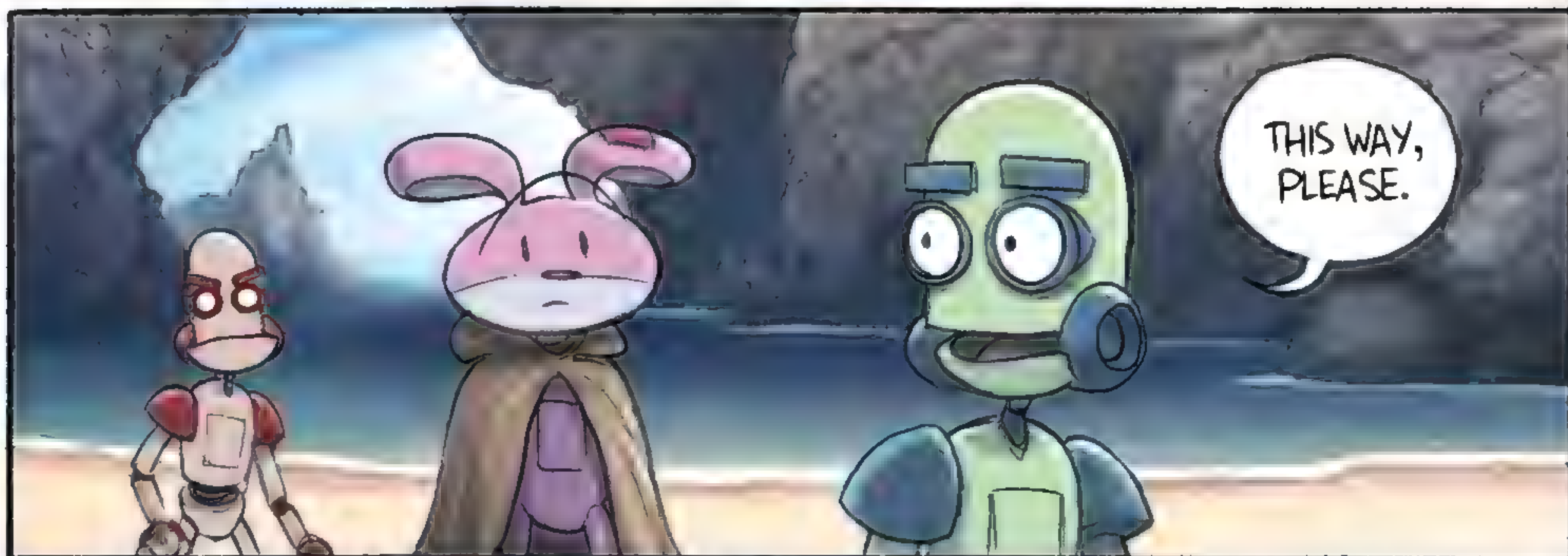


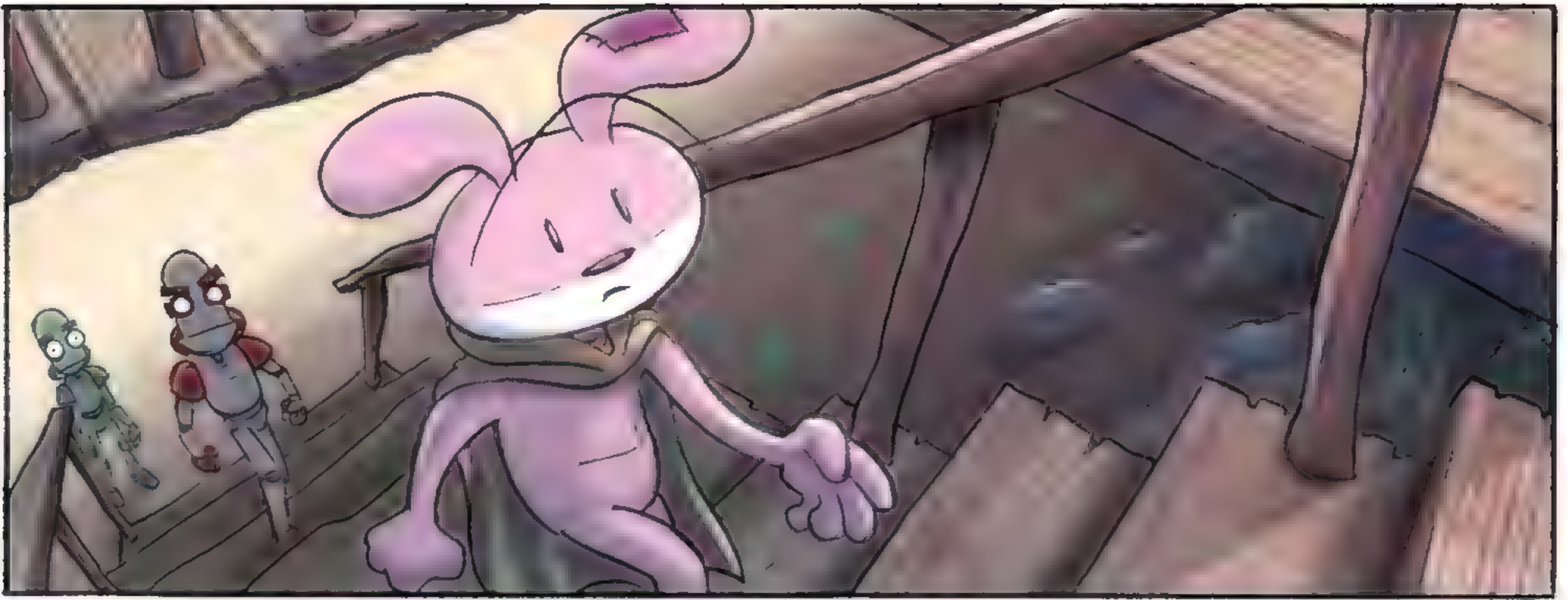


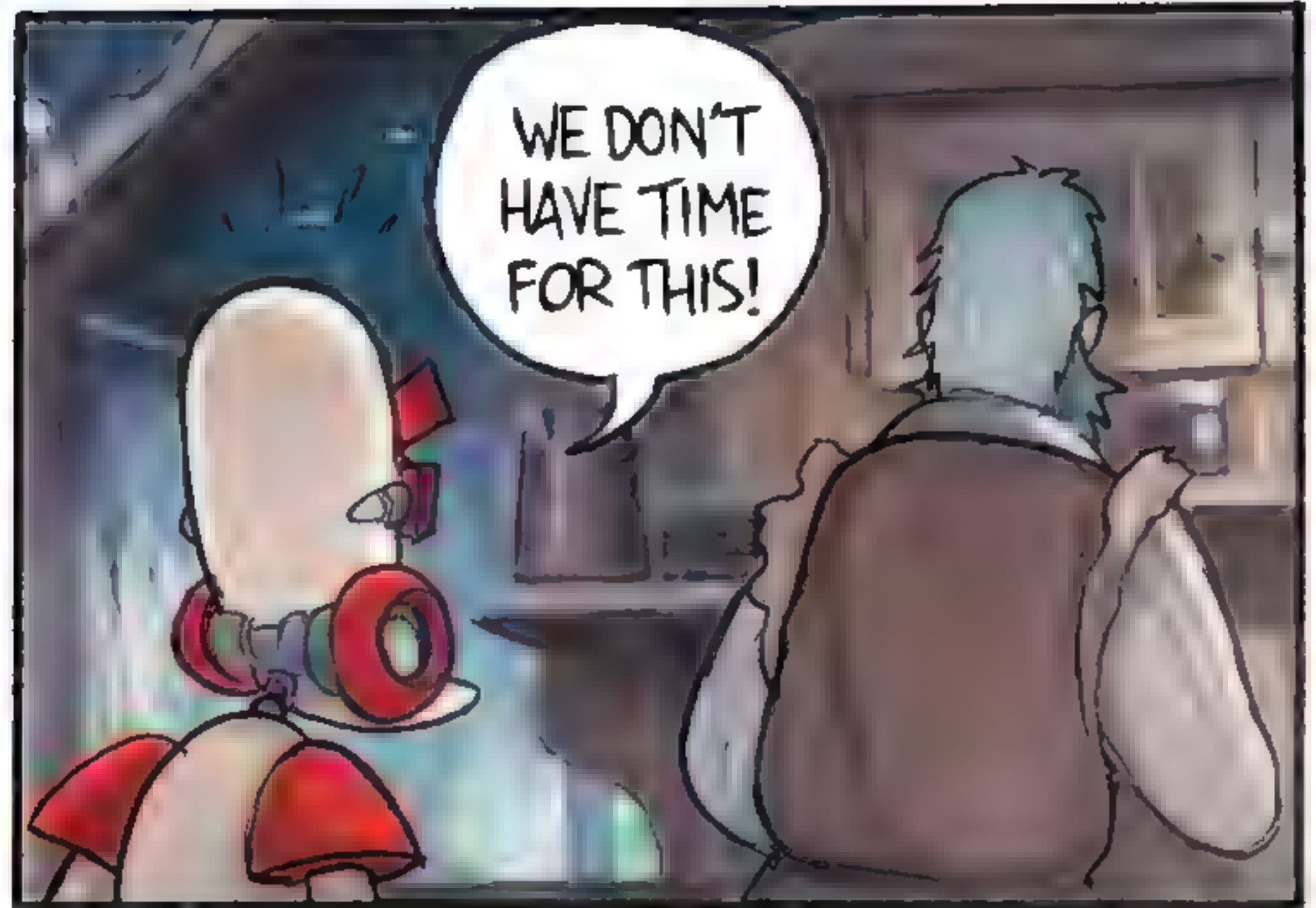




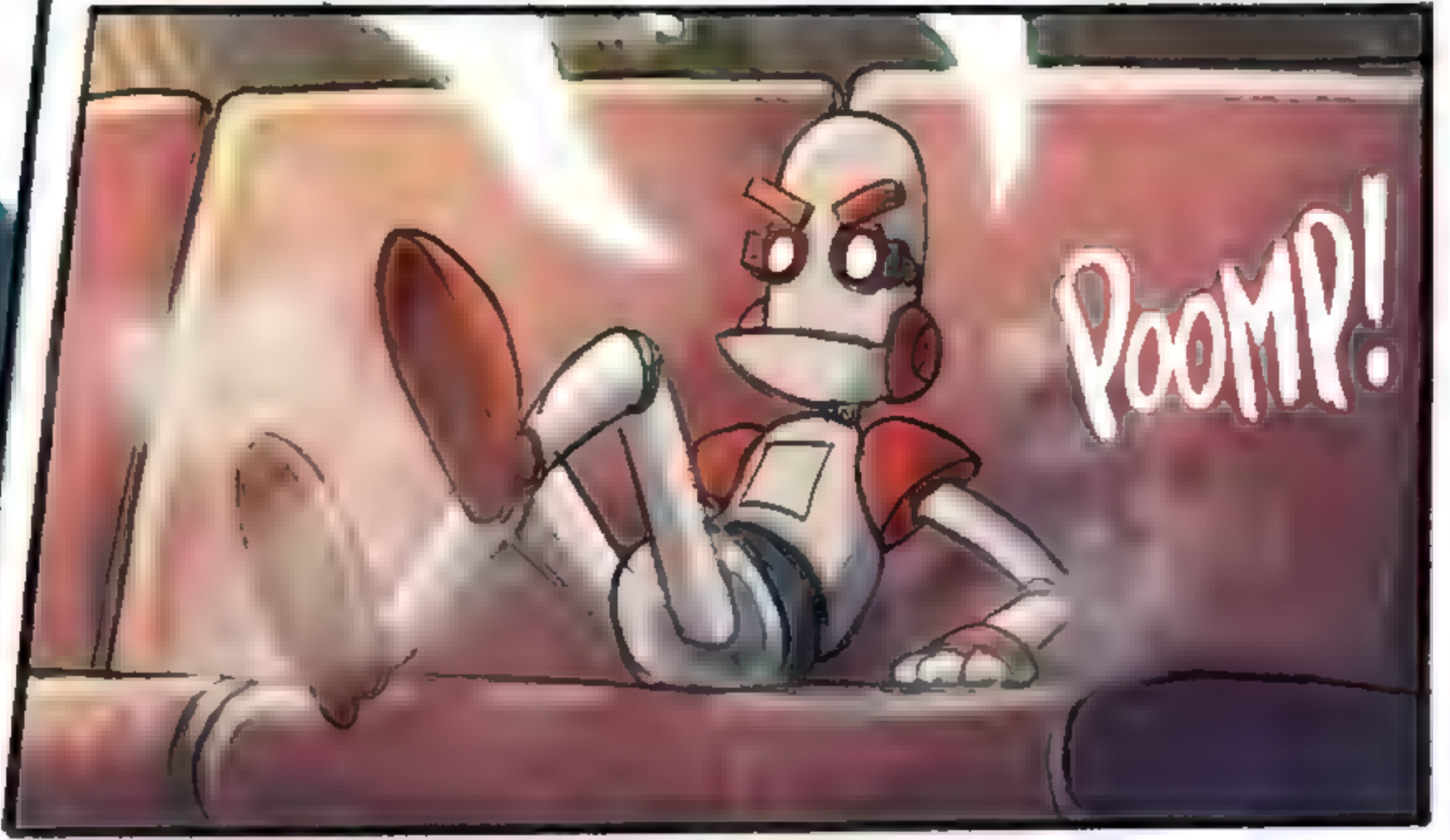


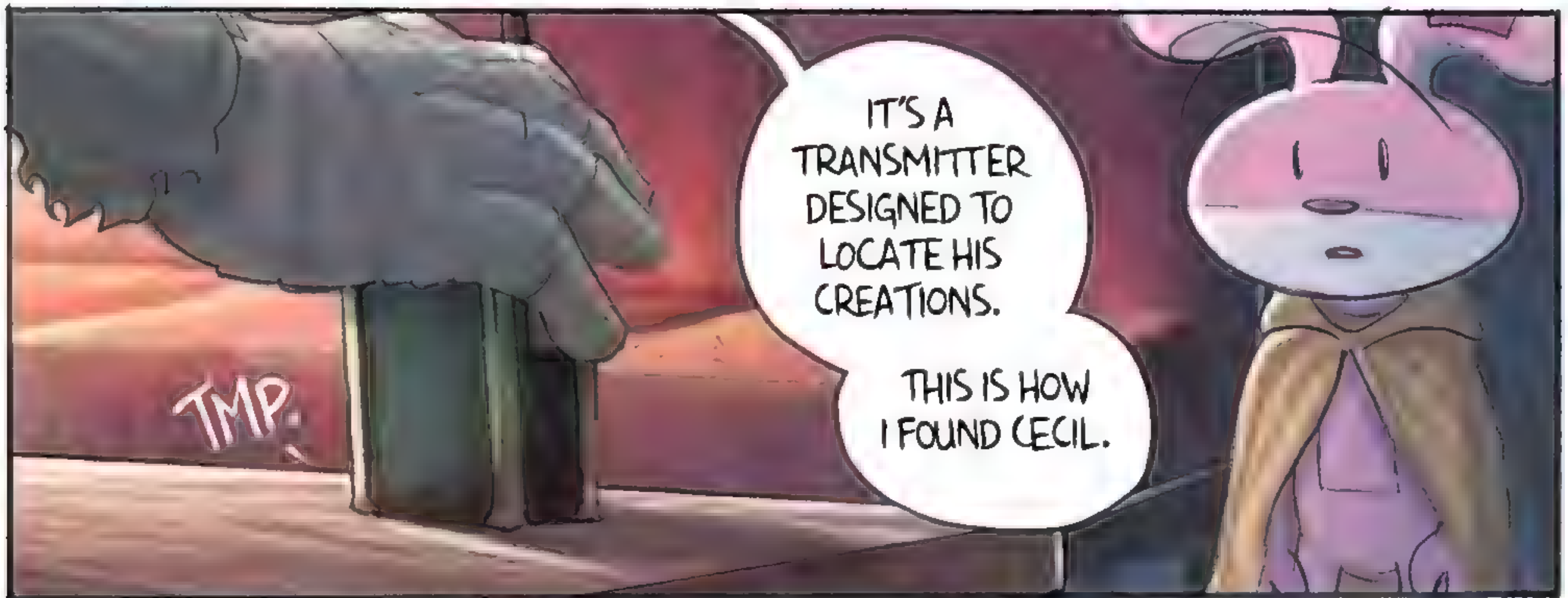




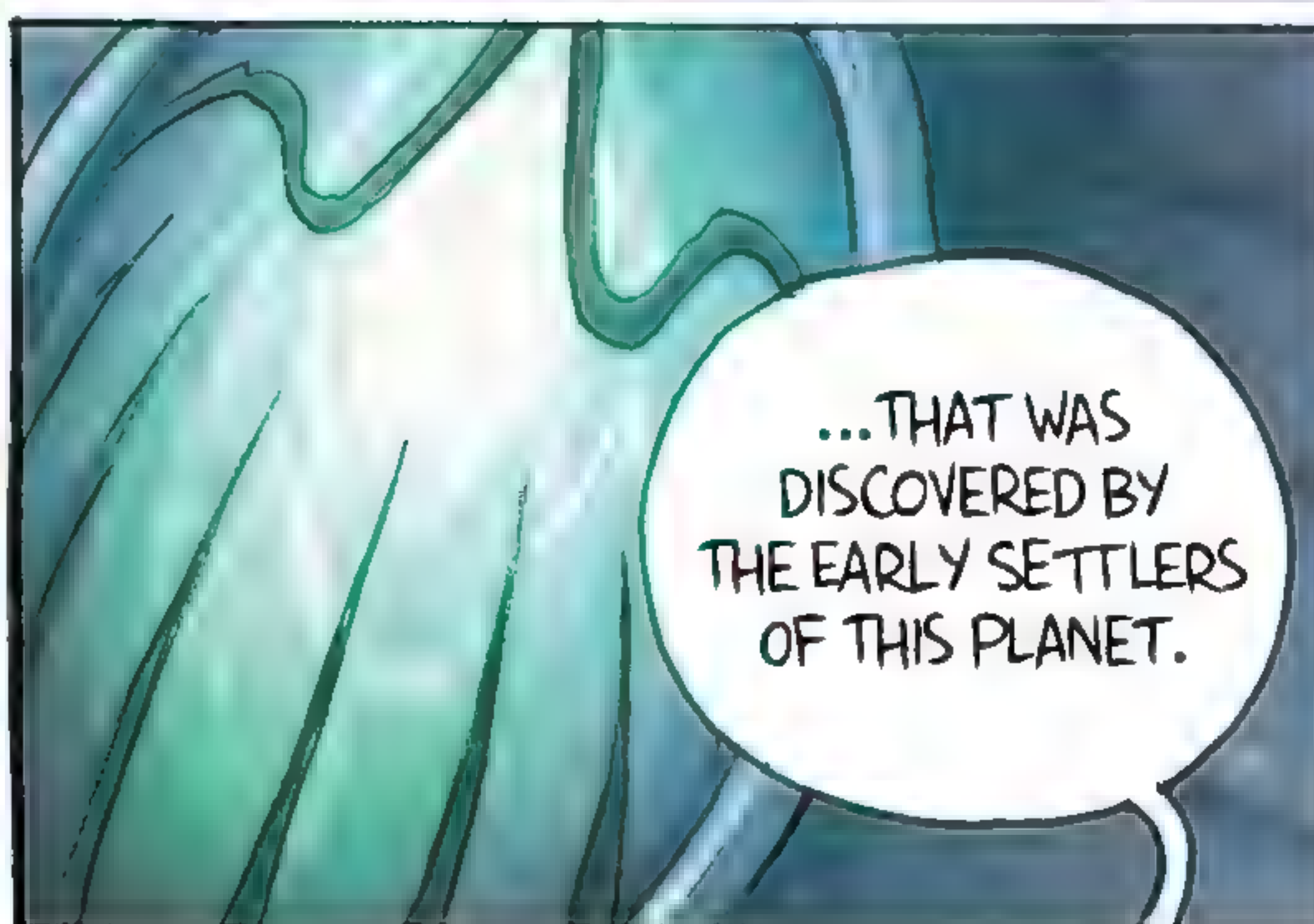
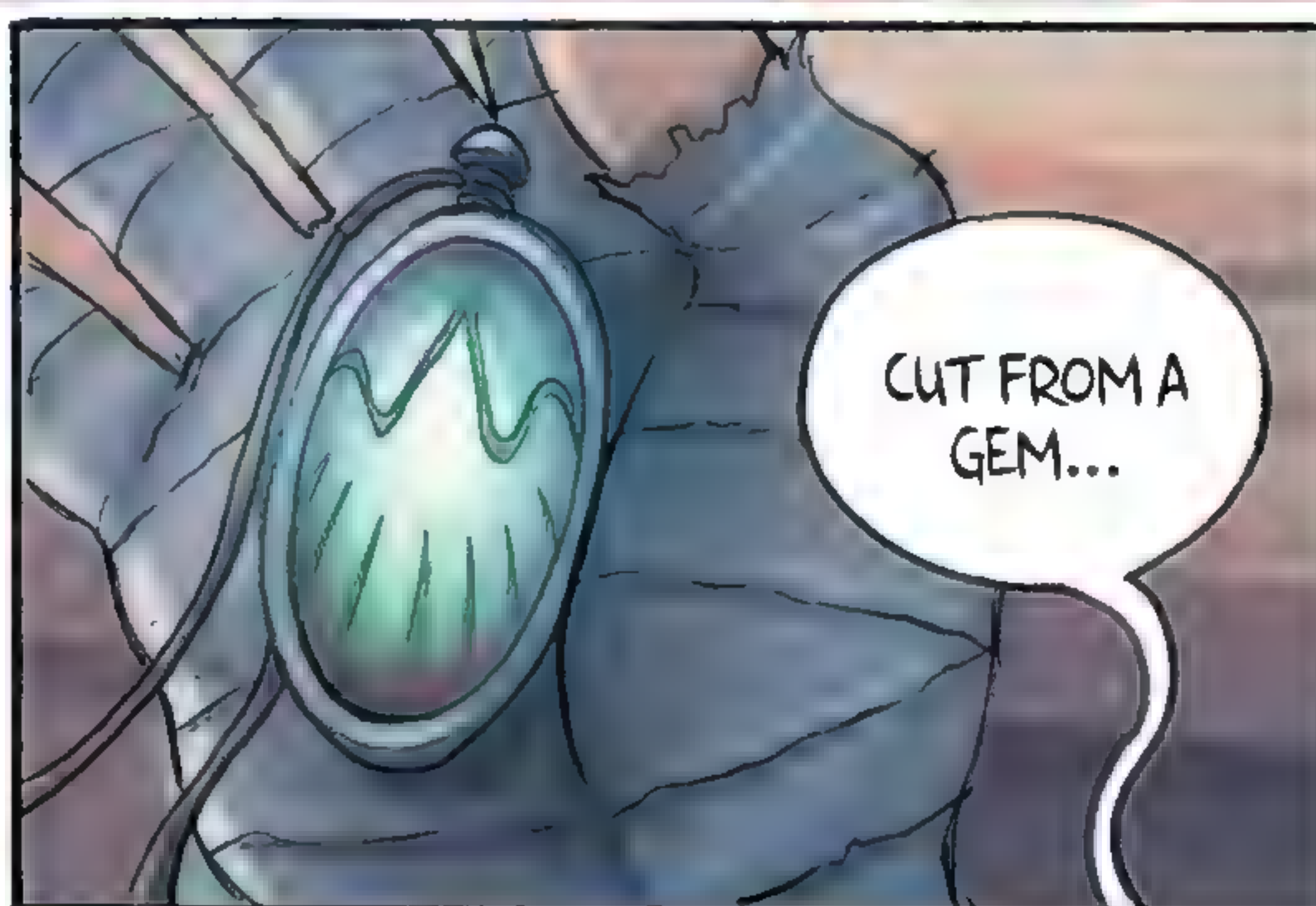
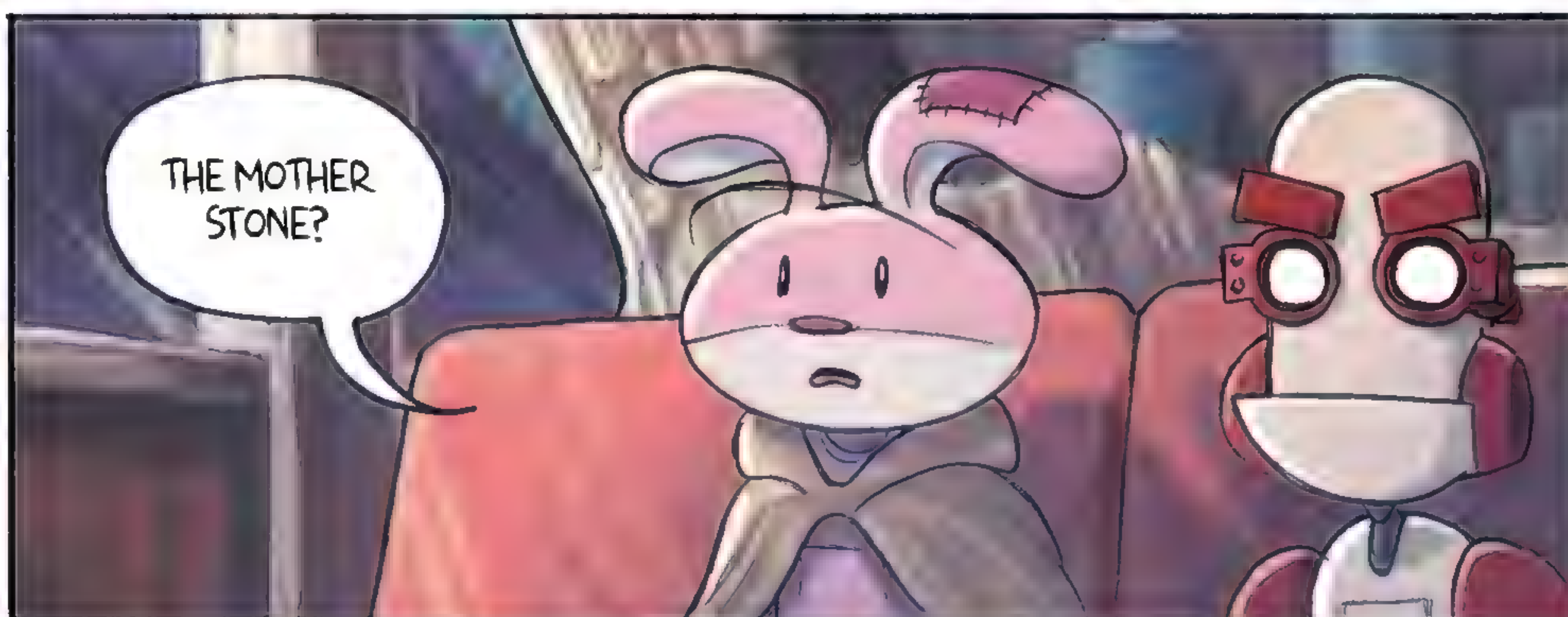








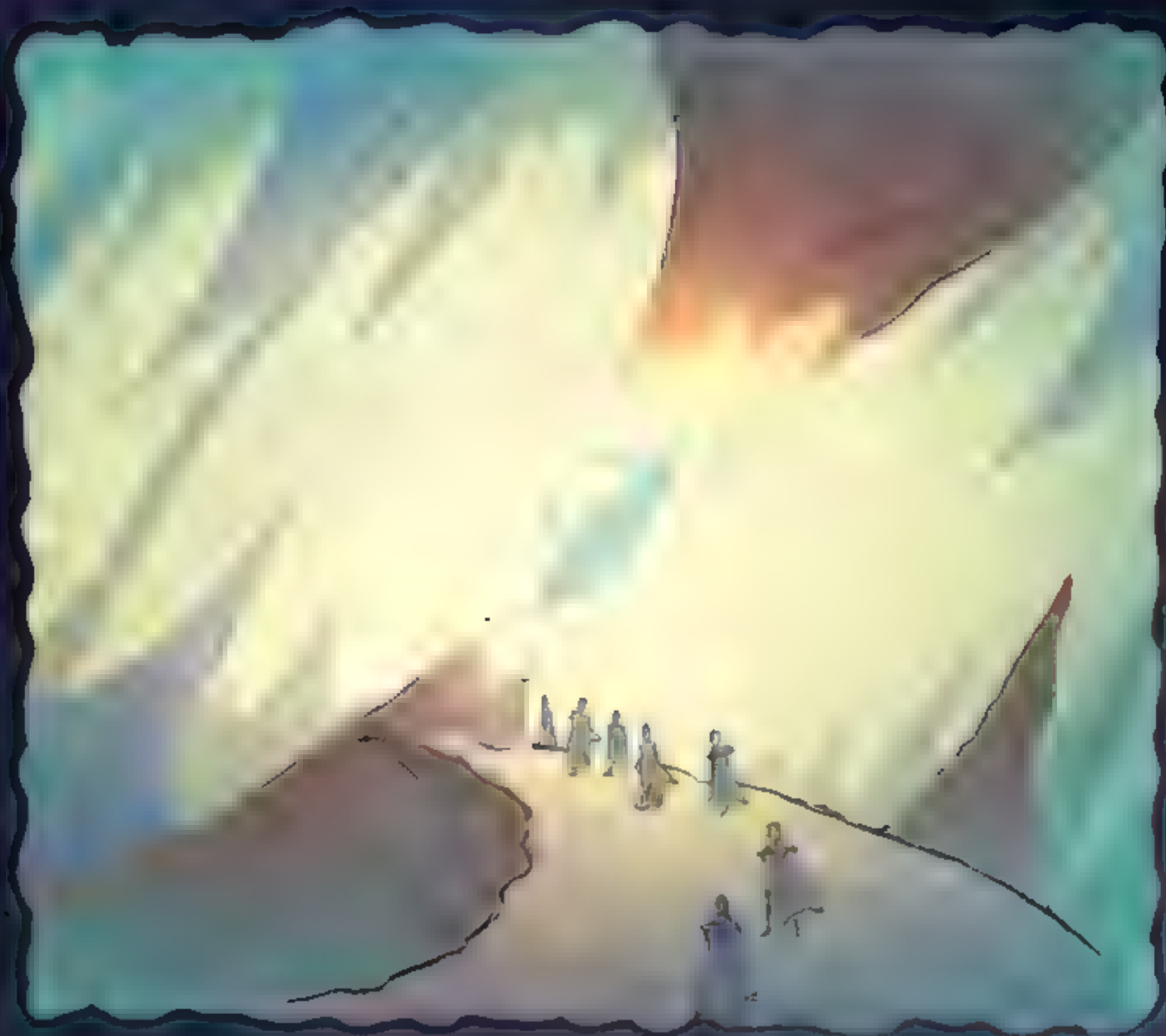




REALIZING THAT THE MOTHER STONE CONTAINED TREMENDOUS ENERGY, THE SETTLERS BURIED IT DEEP BENEATH THEIR FIRST CITY...



...CIELIS, THE ANCIENT CAPITAL OF WINDSOR.



THE ORIGINAL GUARDIAN COUNCIL WAS CREATED TO GOVERN USE OF THE MOTHER STONE. SMALL BITS OF THE POWERFUL GEM WERE CUT AND PROVIDED TO THE EARLY SETTLERS OF ALLEDIA TO HELP THEM DEVELOP OUR WORLD.

CENTURIES PASSED, AND HUNDREDS OF STONEKEEPERS WERE BORN. WITH THEIR POWERS THEY BUILT THE FOUNDATION FOR THE GREAT NATIONS OF ALLEDIA, AND ACCELERATED THE DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE.



OF COURSE, MORE THAN A FEW STONEKEEPERS ABUSED THE IMMENSE POWER THAT THE STONES PROVIDED THEM, AND WAGED WAR ON OTHER STONEKEEPERS FOR CONTROL OF THE NATIONS. MANY STONEKEEPERS PERISHED IN THESE BATTLES, AND THEIR STONES PERISHED WITH THEM.

BY THE TIME I HAD JOINED THE COUNCIL, ONLY A SMALL SHARD OF THE STONE REMAINED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT CUTTING THE FINAL PIECE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO CALL ON ITS POWERS TO HELP DEFEND CIELIS AND THE NATION OF WINDSOR. IT WAS CONSIDERED A LAST RESORT.



YOUR MASTER SILAS FELT THAT IF WE WERE NOT GOING TO USE THE STONE IMMEDIATELY, WE SHOULD DESTROY IT BEFORE IT FELL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.

TO TREAT IT AS AN INSURANCE POLICY, HE REASONED, WAS A DANGEROUS MISTAKE.

HE CRITICIZED THE COUNCIL FOR MAKING DECISIONS BASED ON ITS FEARS, AND HE BELIEVED THAT IF WE CONTINUED DOWN THIS PATH, WE WOULD SEE OUR FEARS REALIZED.



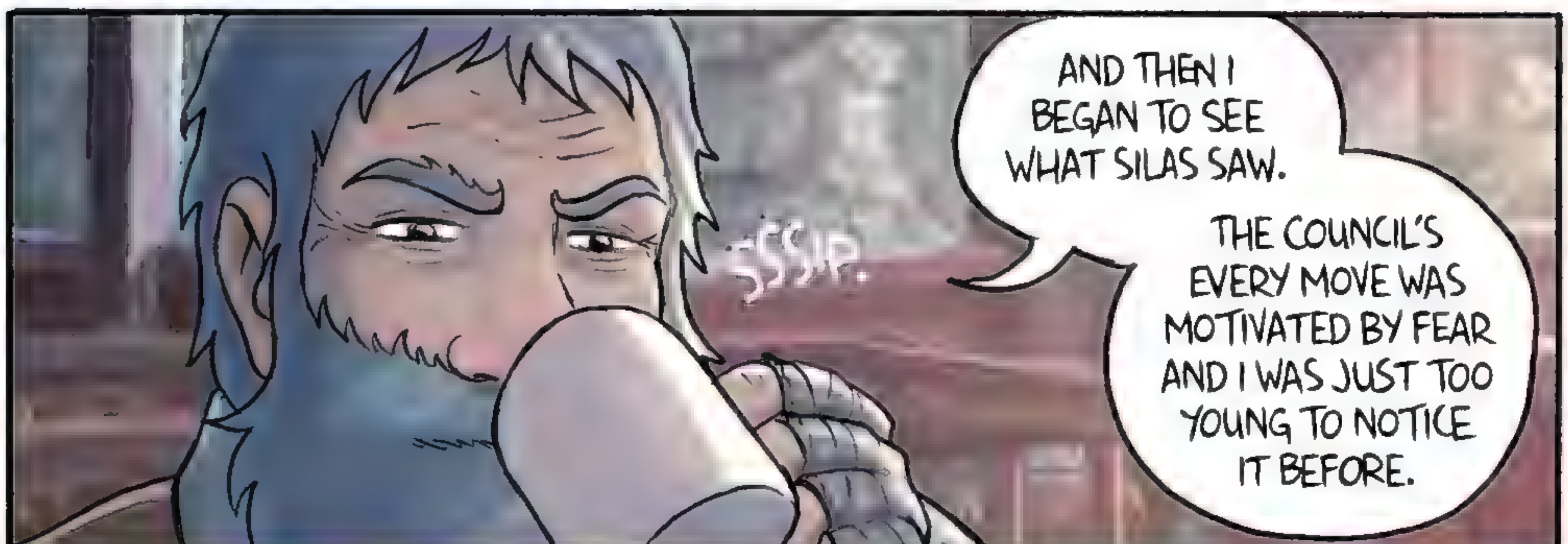
AT THE TIME, I WAS THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

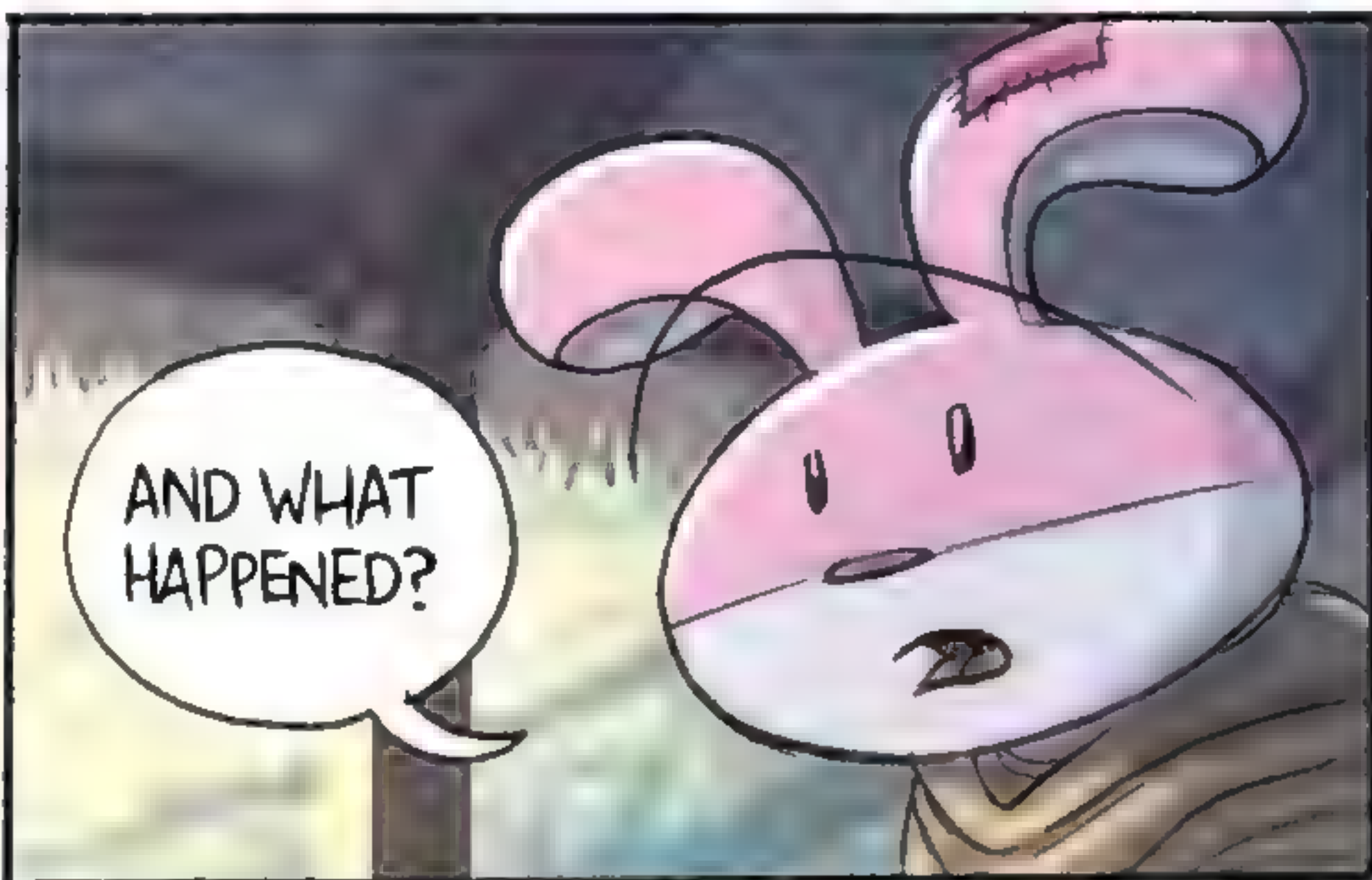
AND DUE TO MY INEXPERIENCE, I MADE SOME DECISIONS THAT I WOULD REGRET FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.



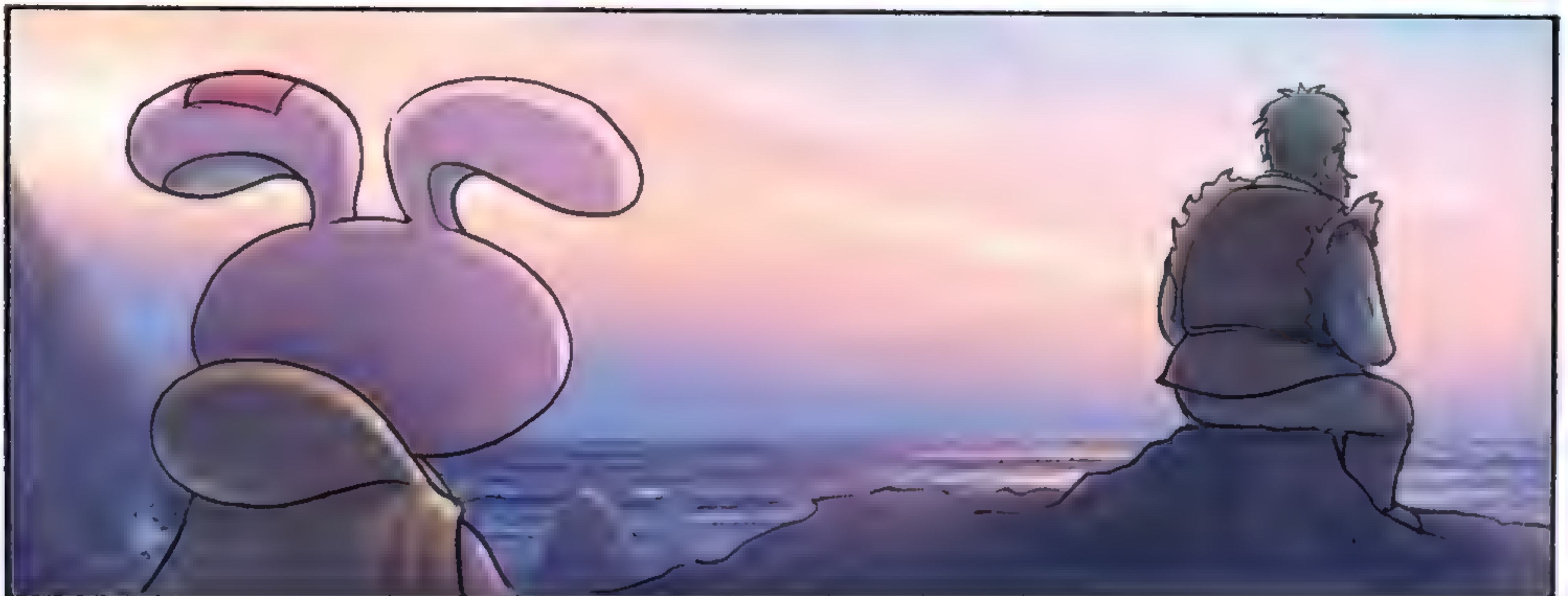
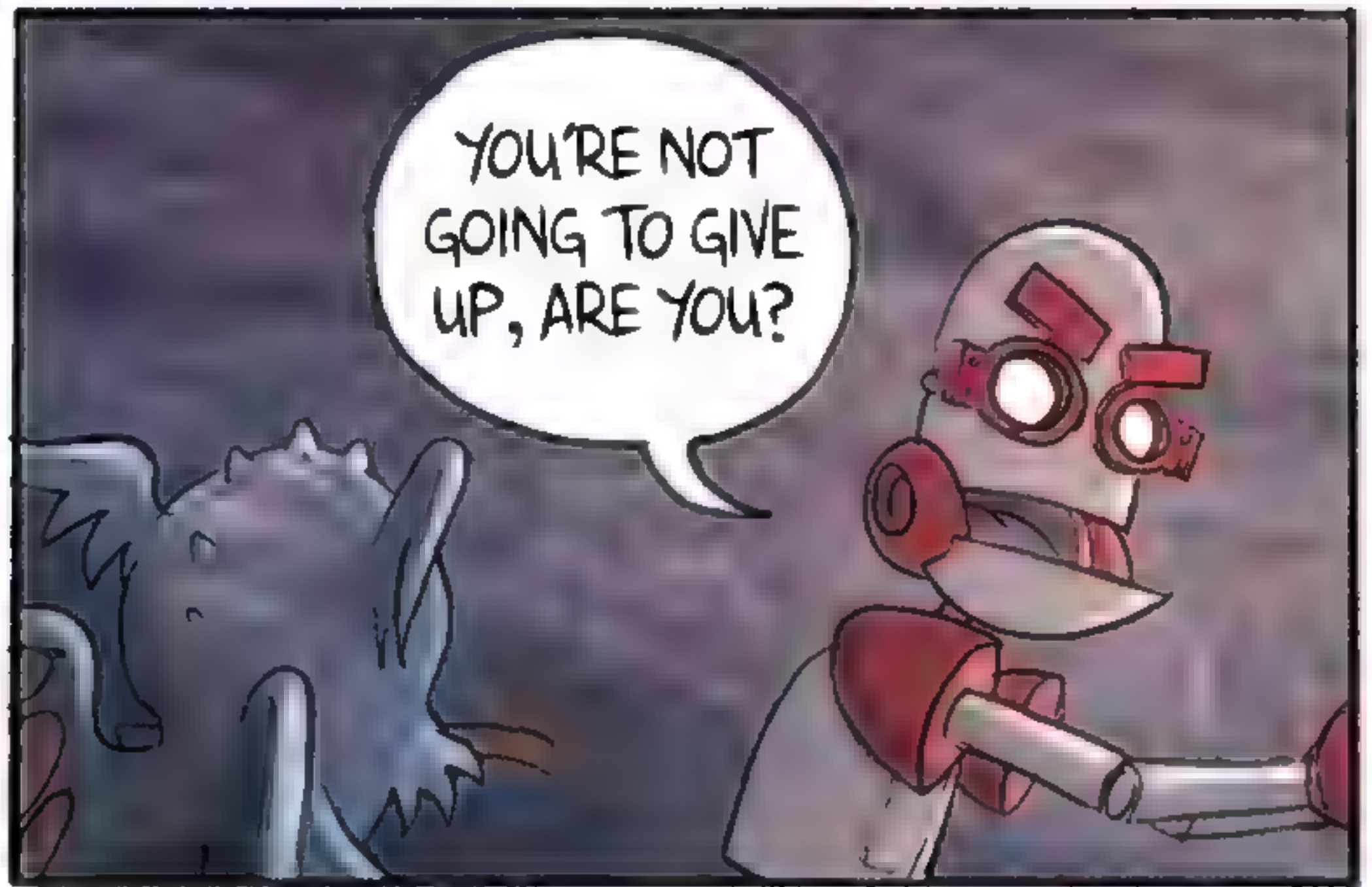
THE FIRST SUCH DECISION WAS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF REMOVING SILAS FROM THE COUNCIL.

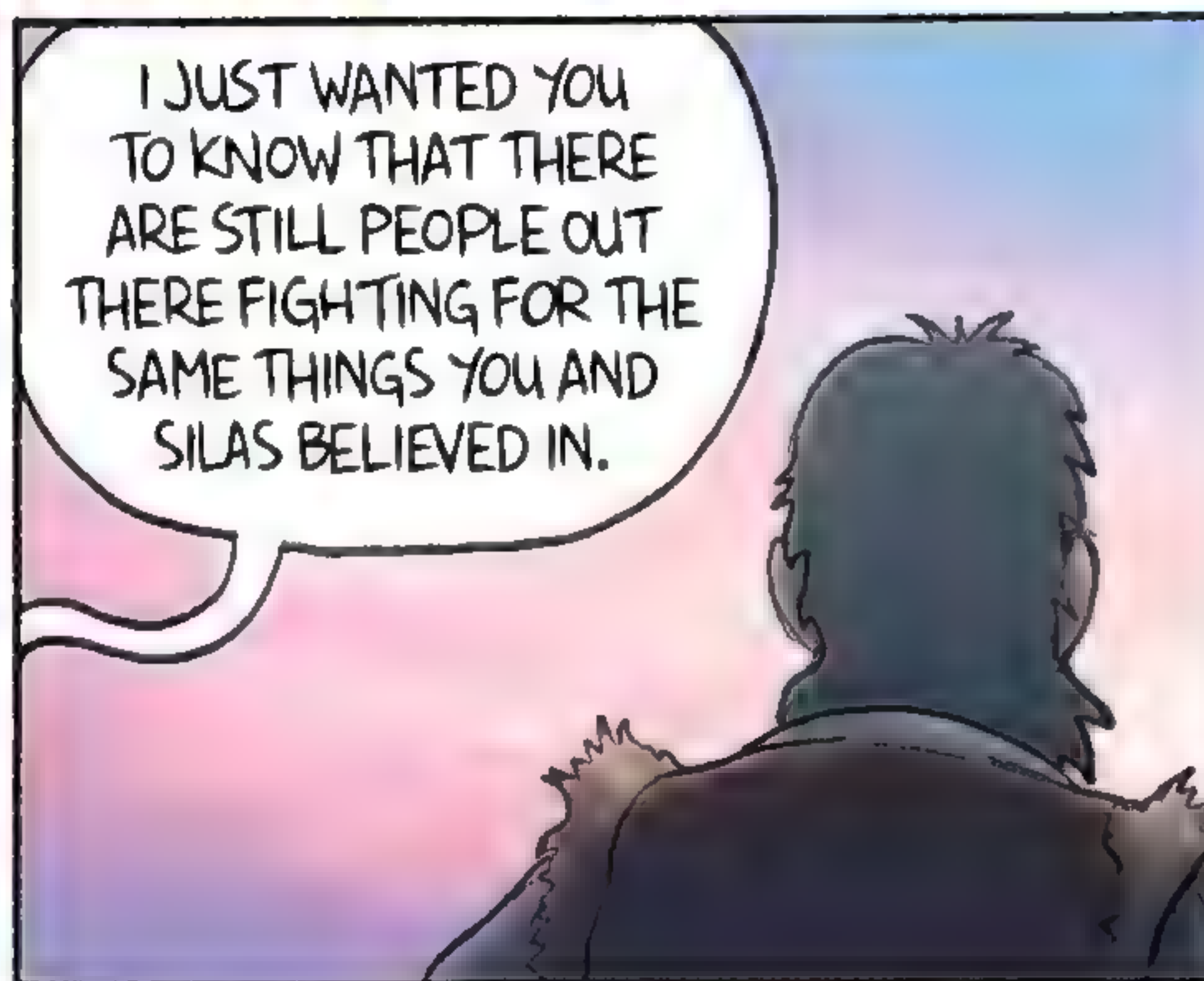
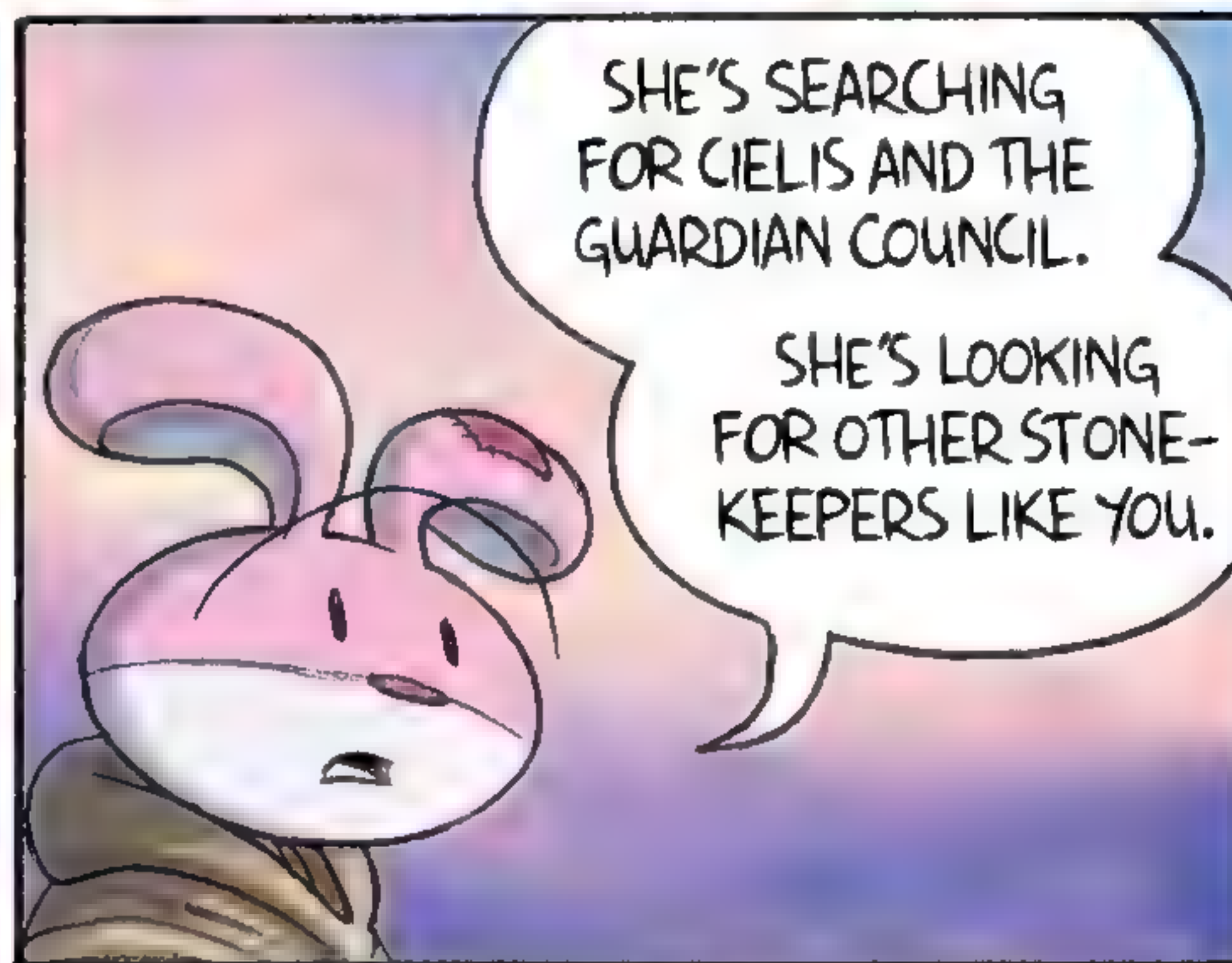
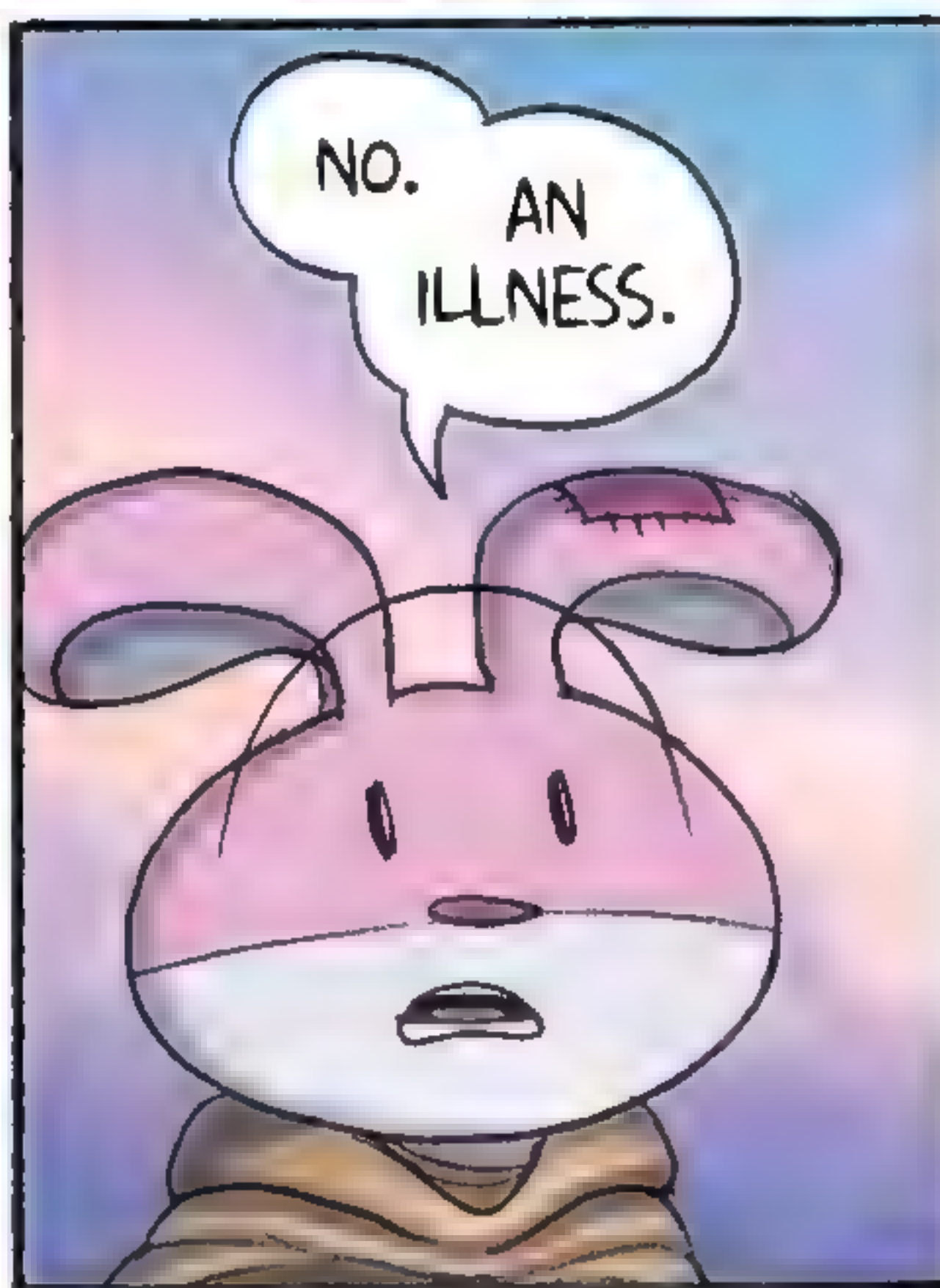
SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE ELVES UNLEASHED A DEVASTATING ATTACK ON CIELIS AND FORCED THE COUNCIL TO HIDE THE CITY IN THE CLOUDS.

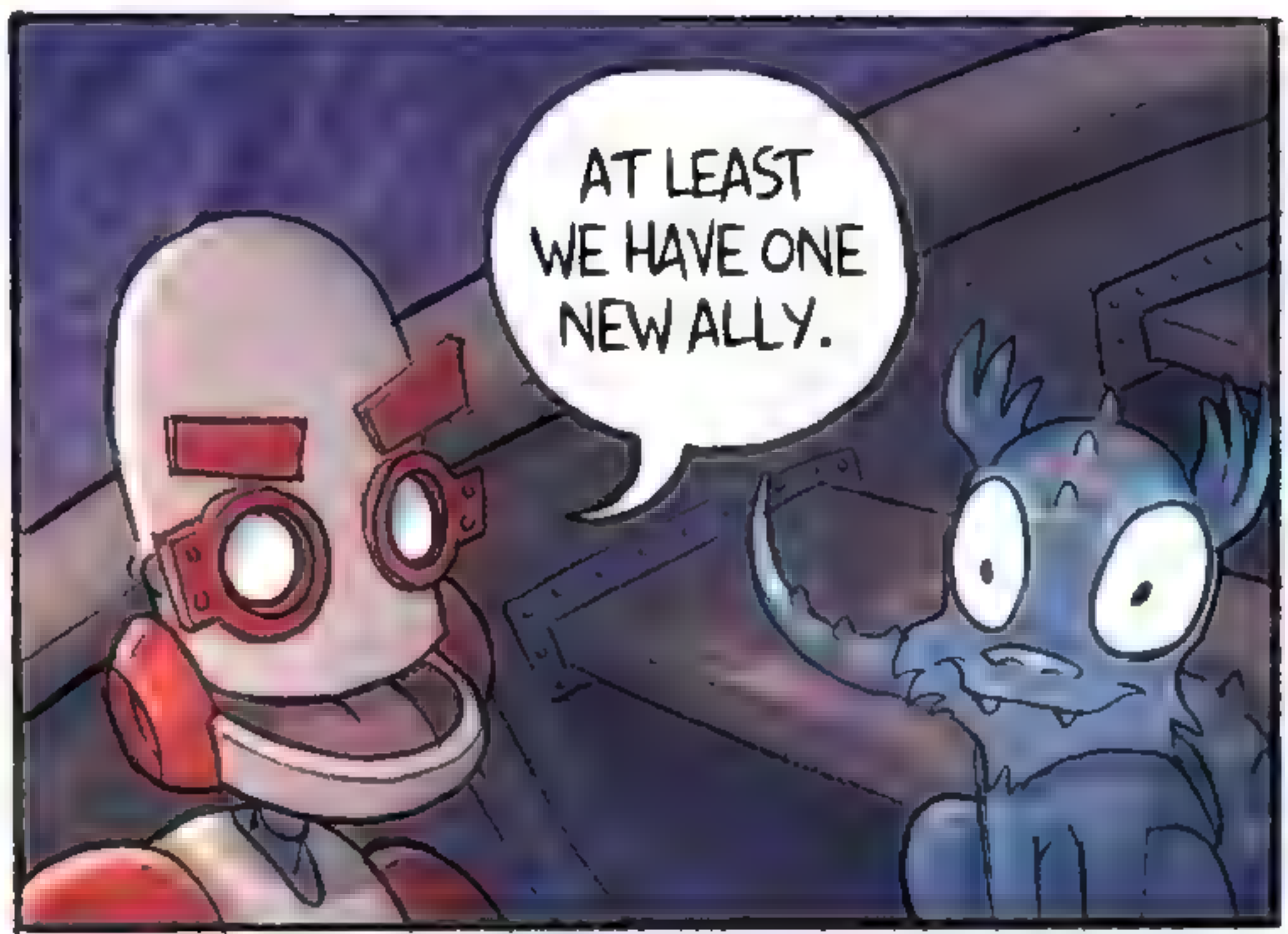


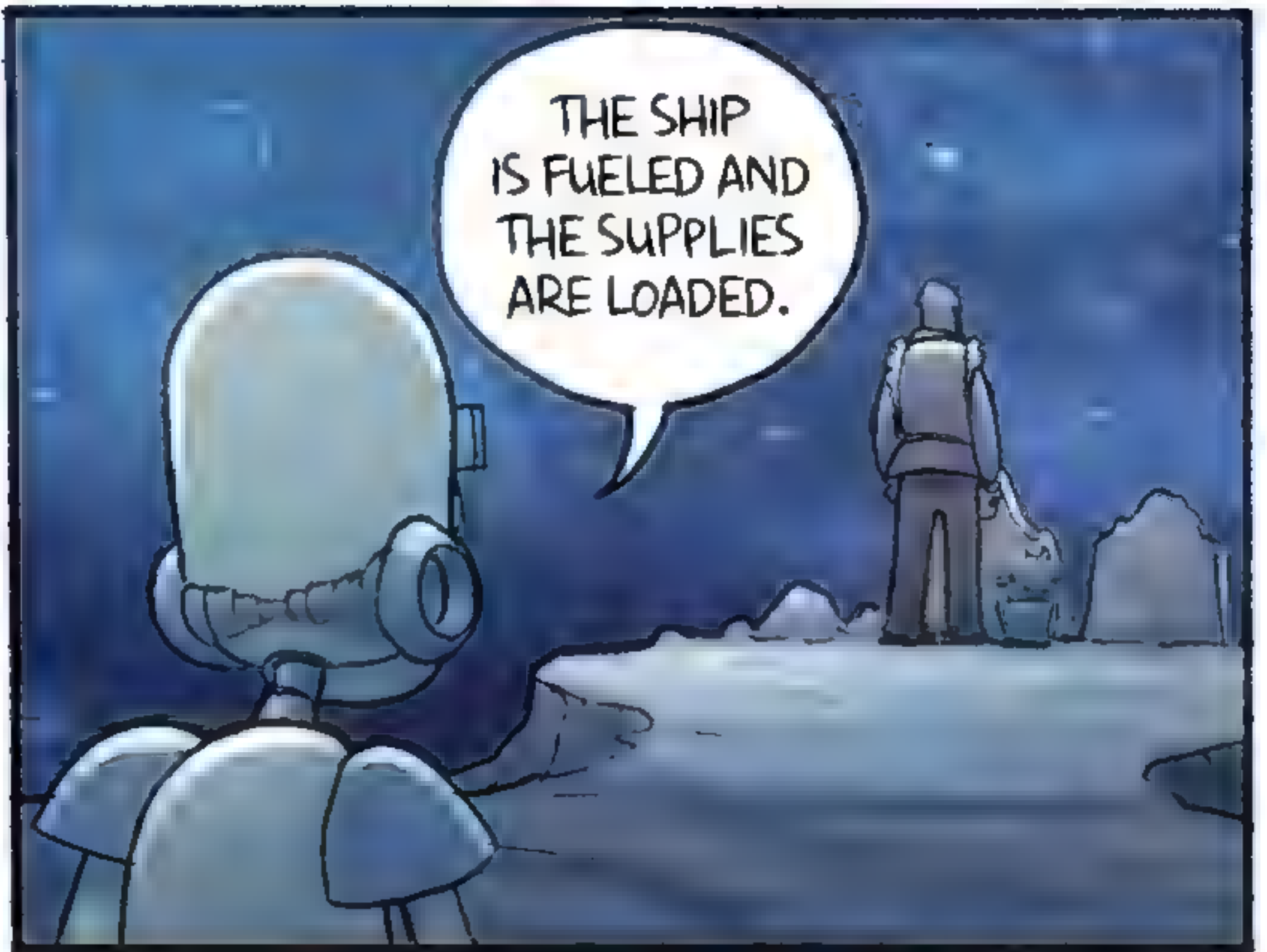


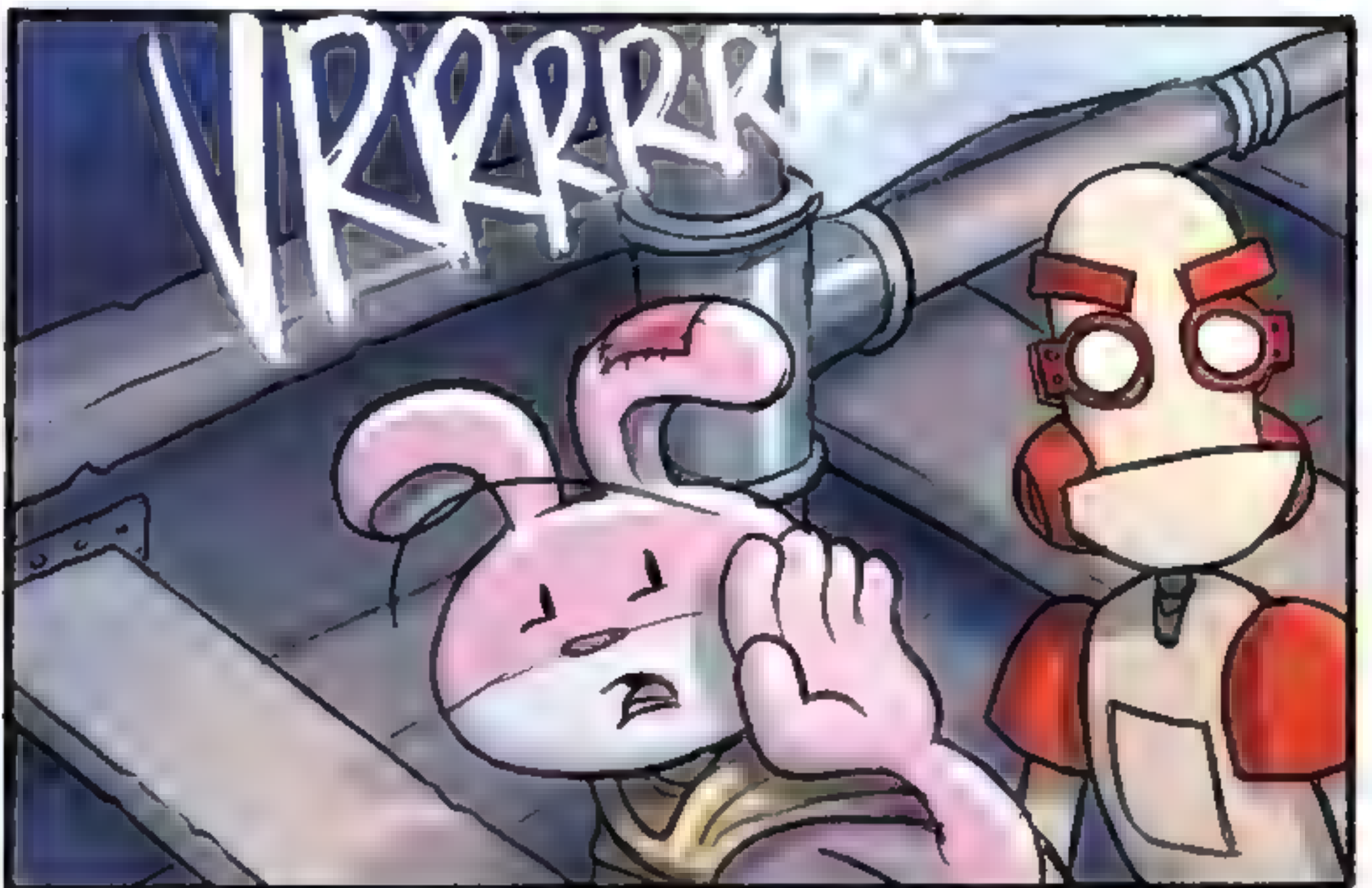
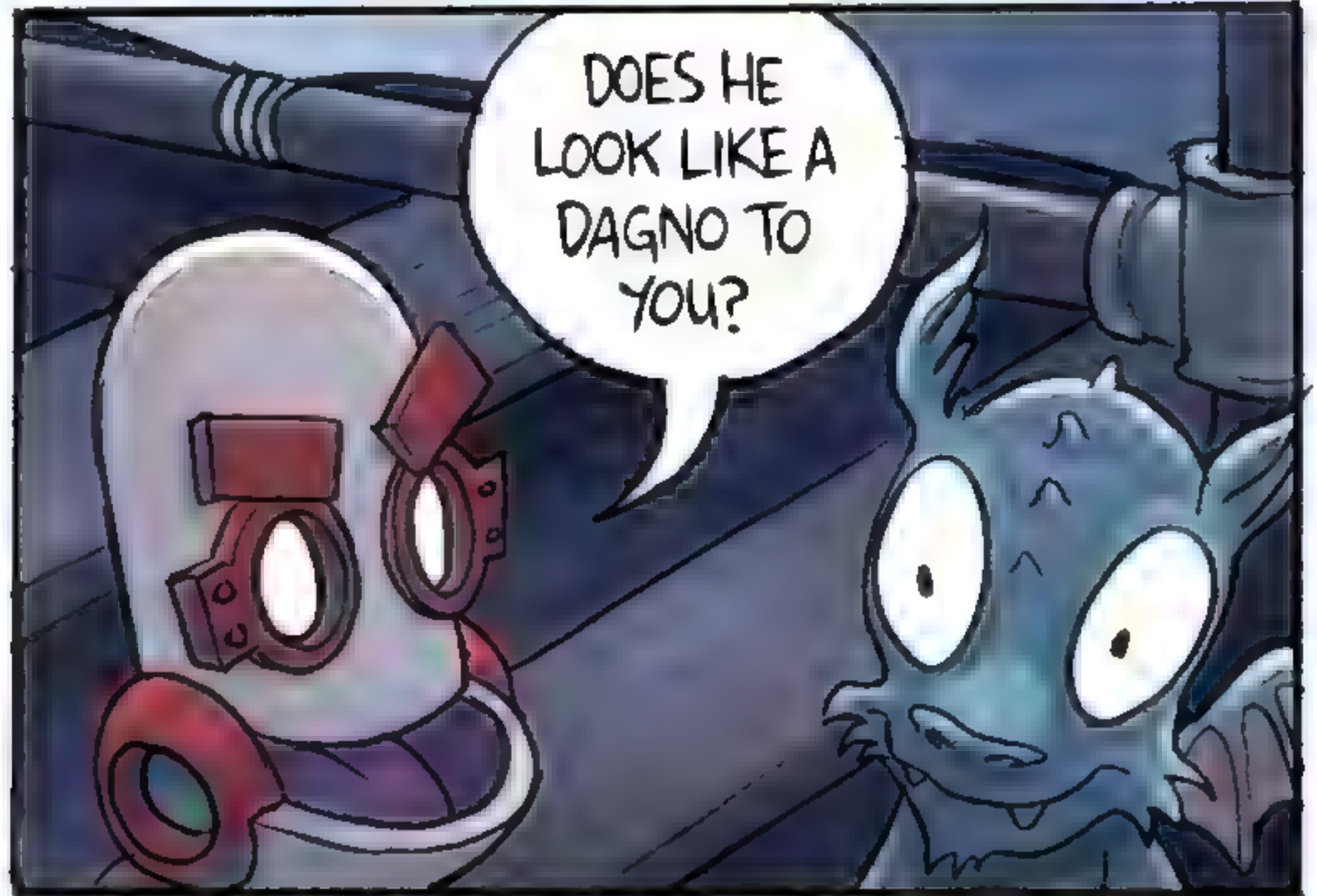


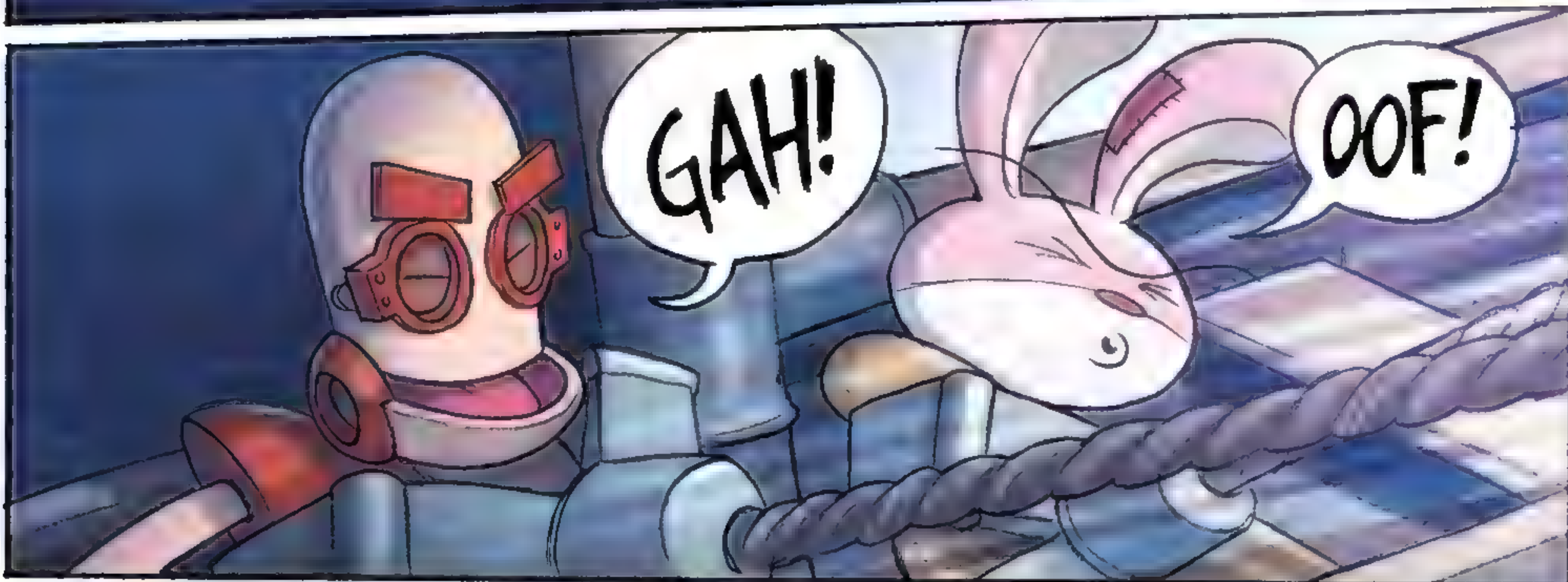
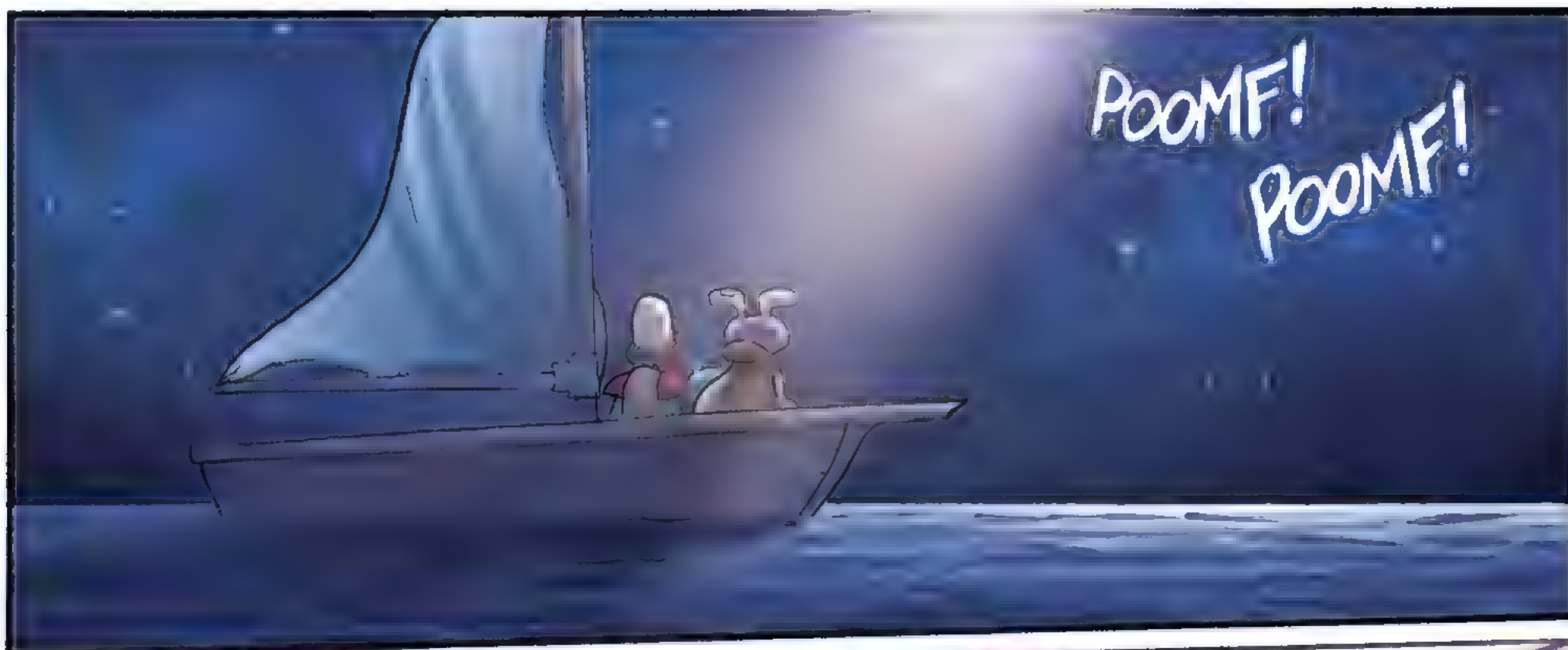


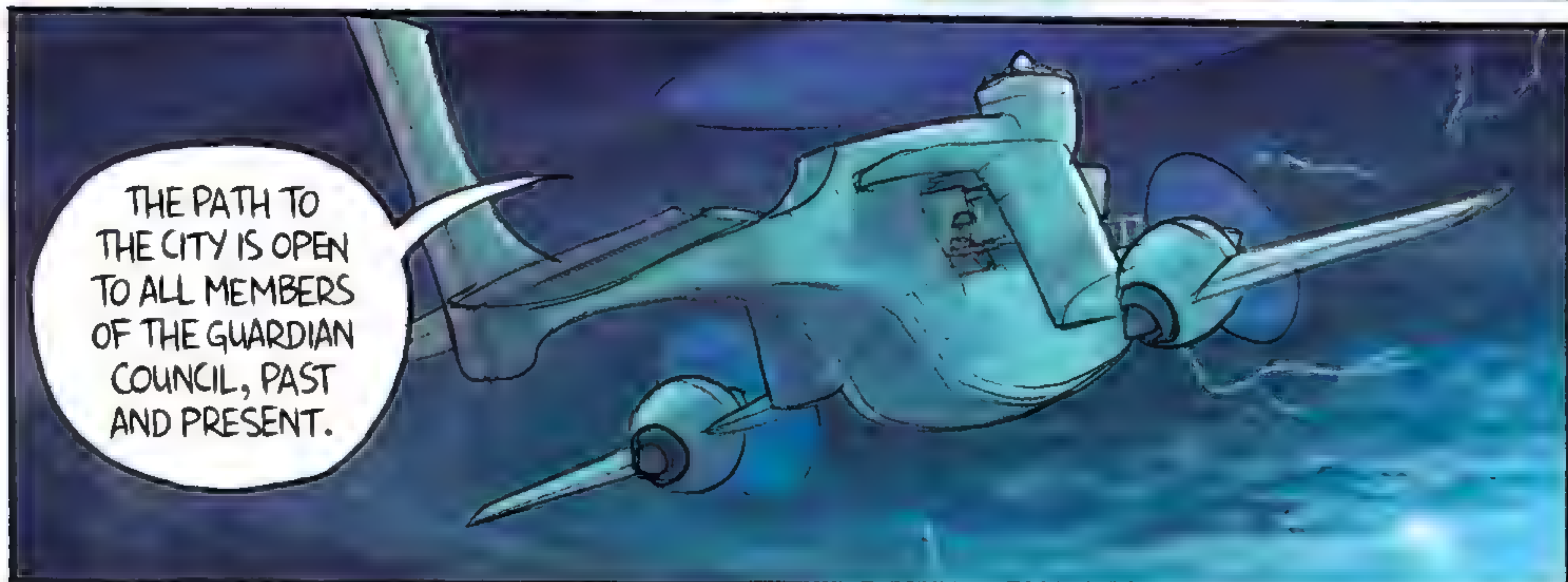
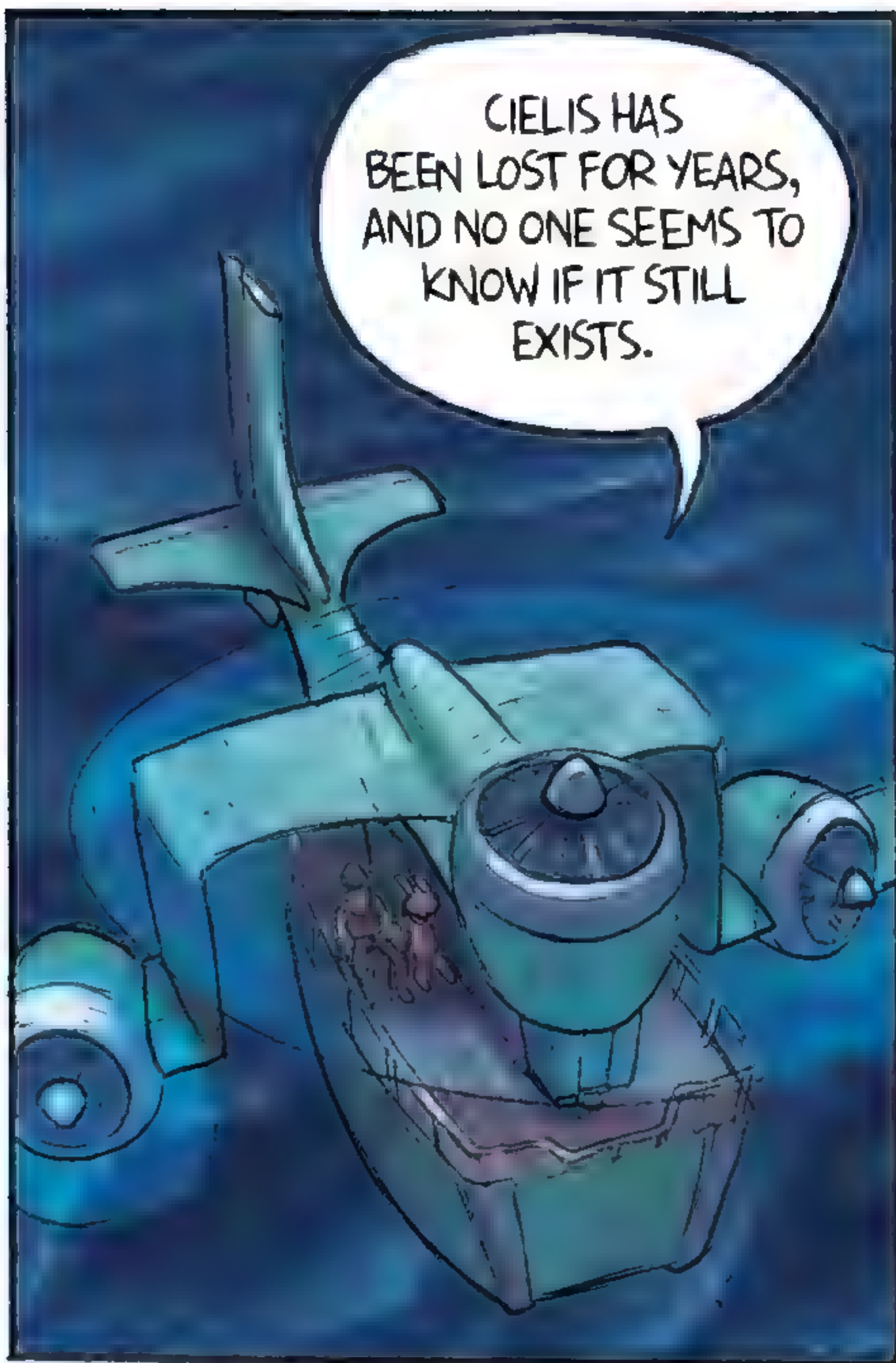


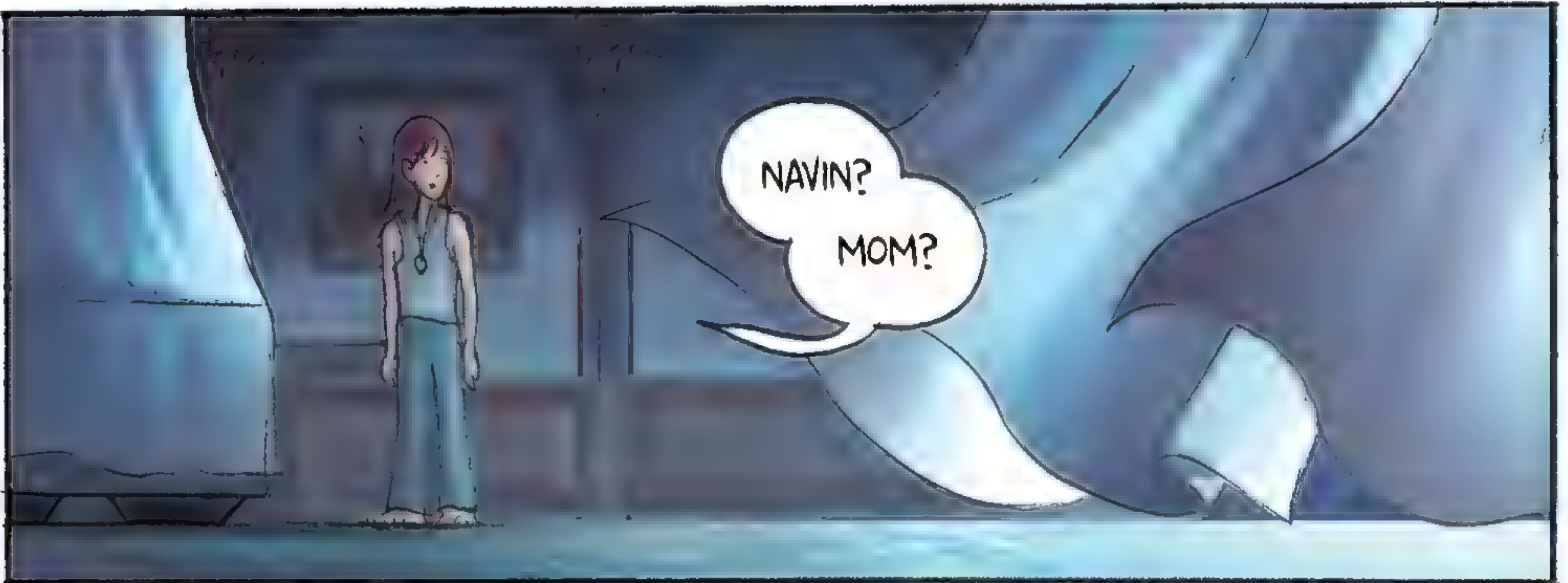
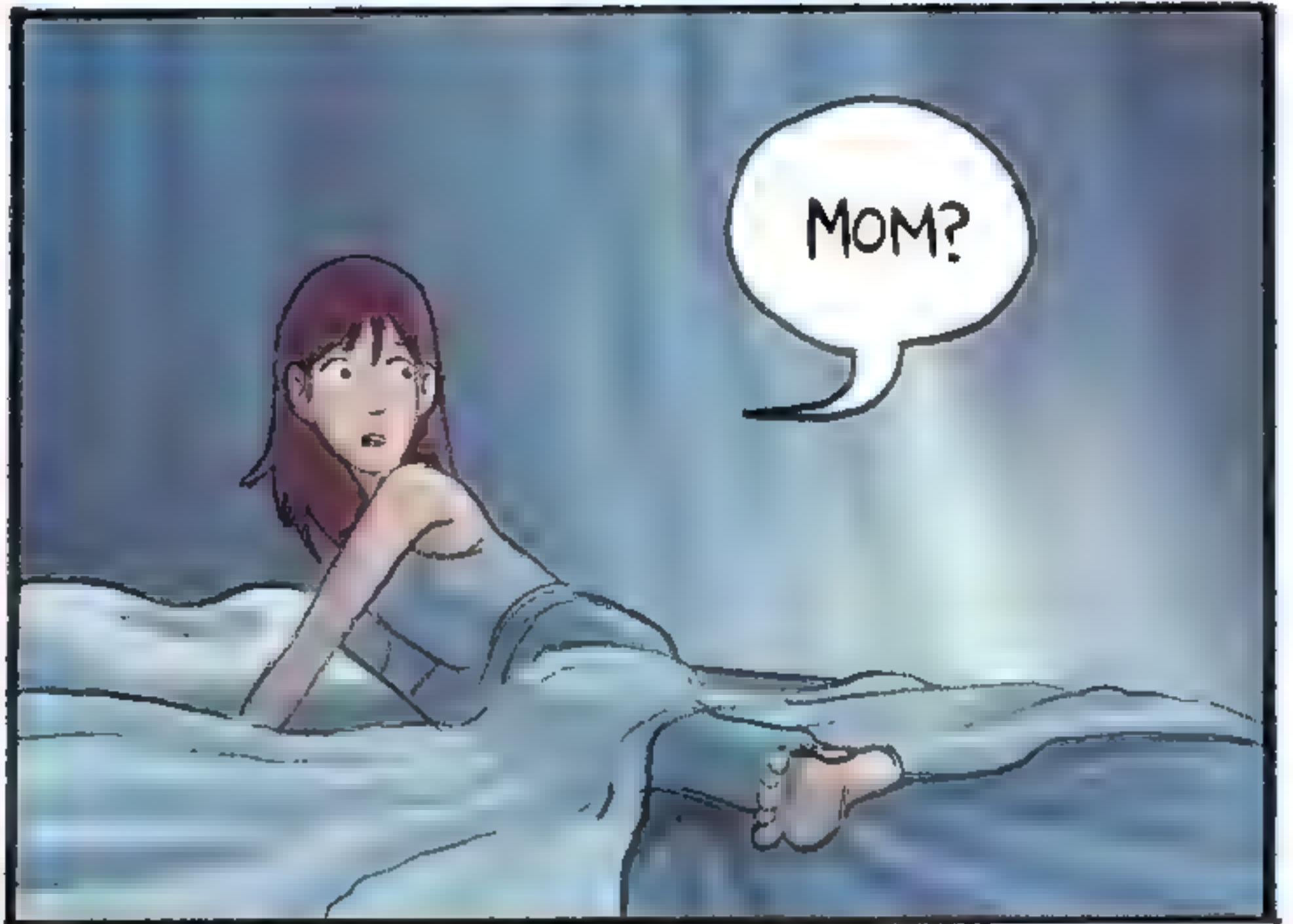


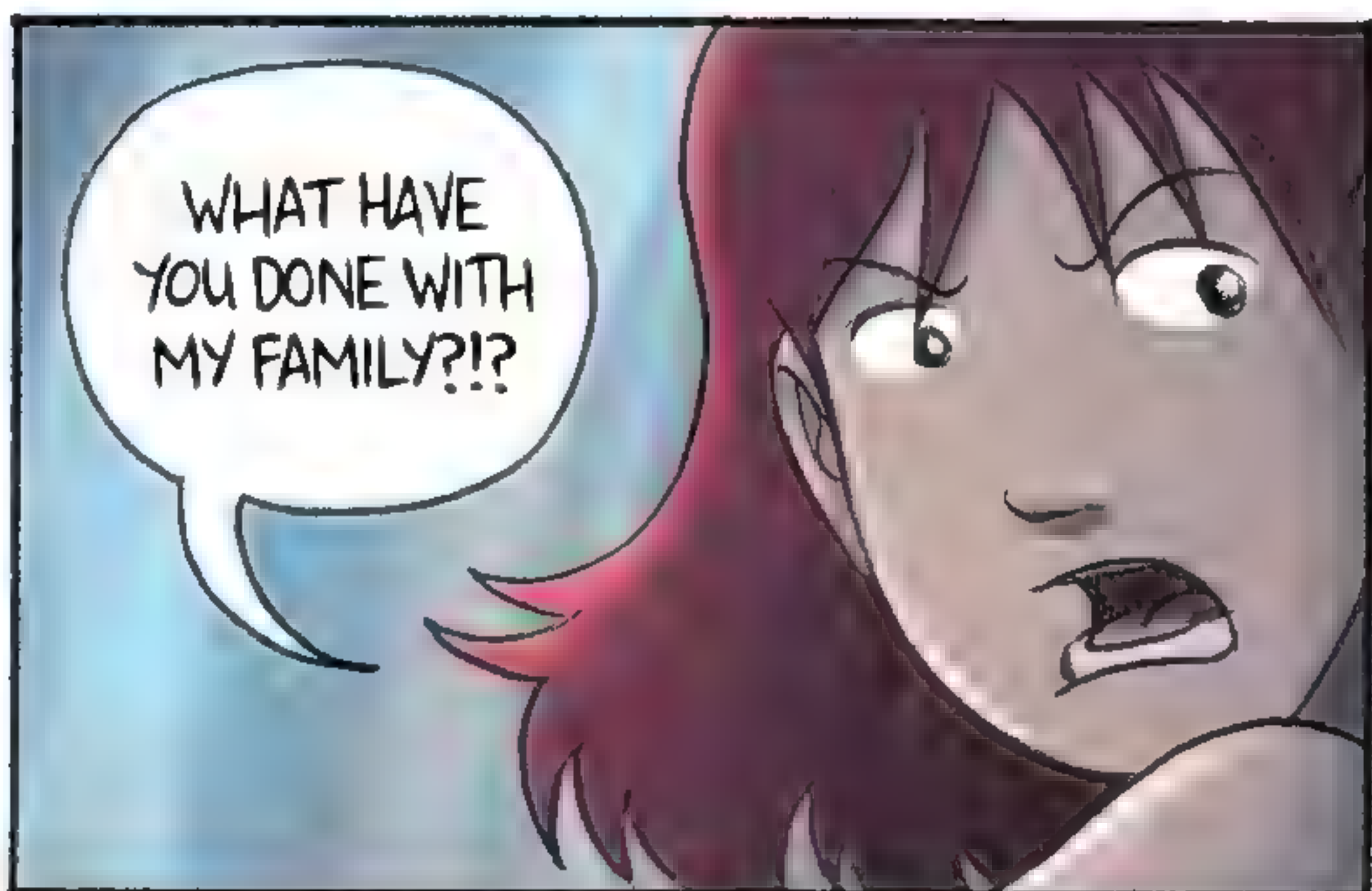


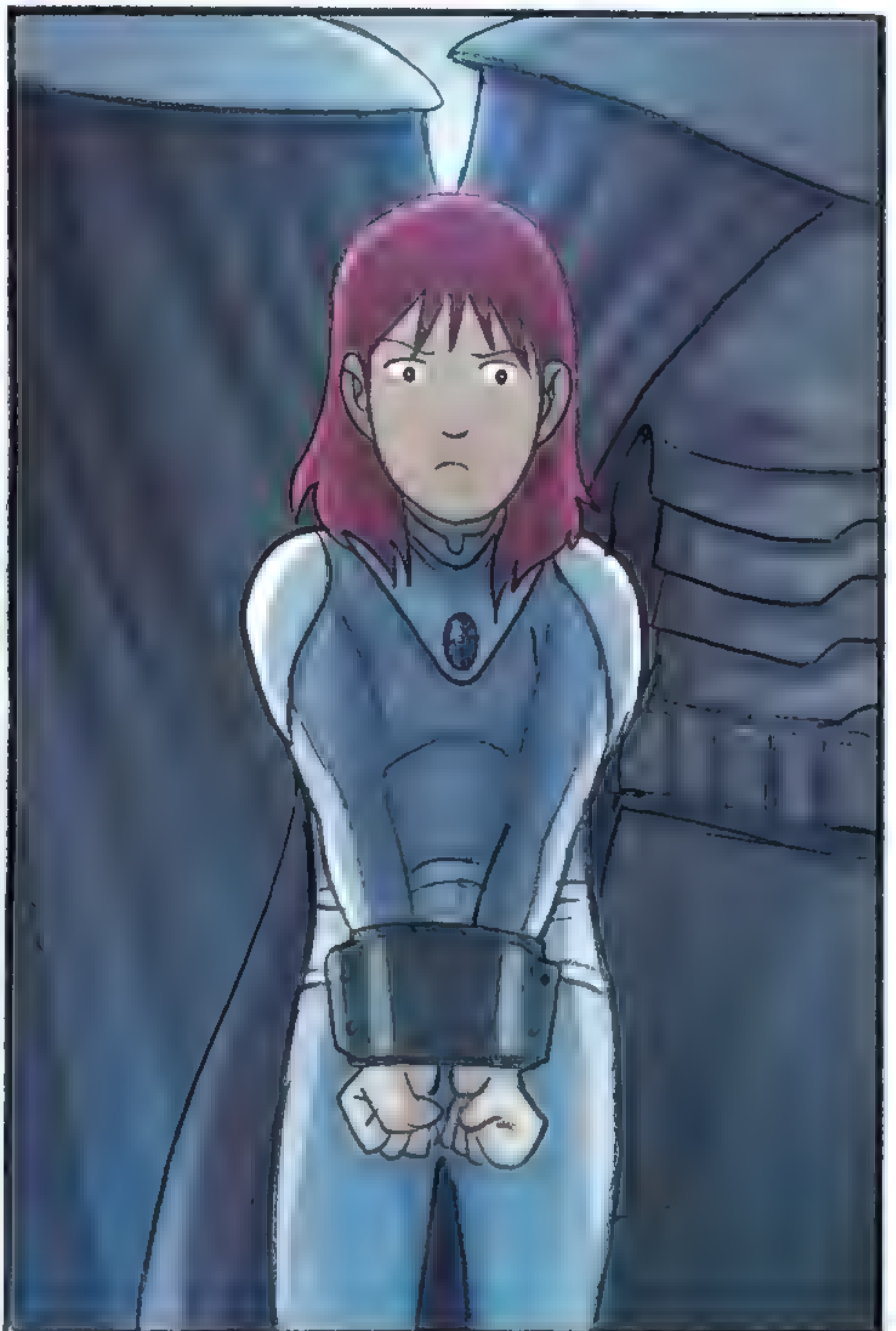


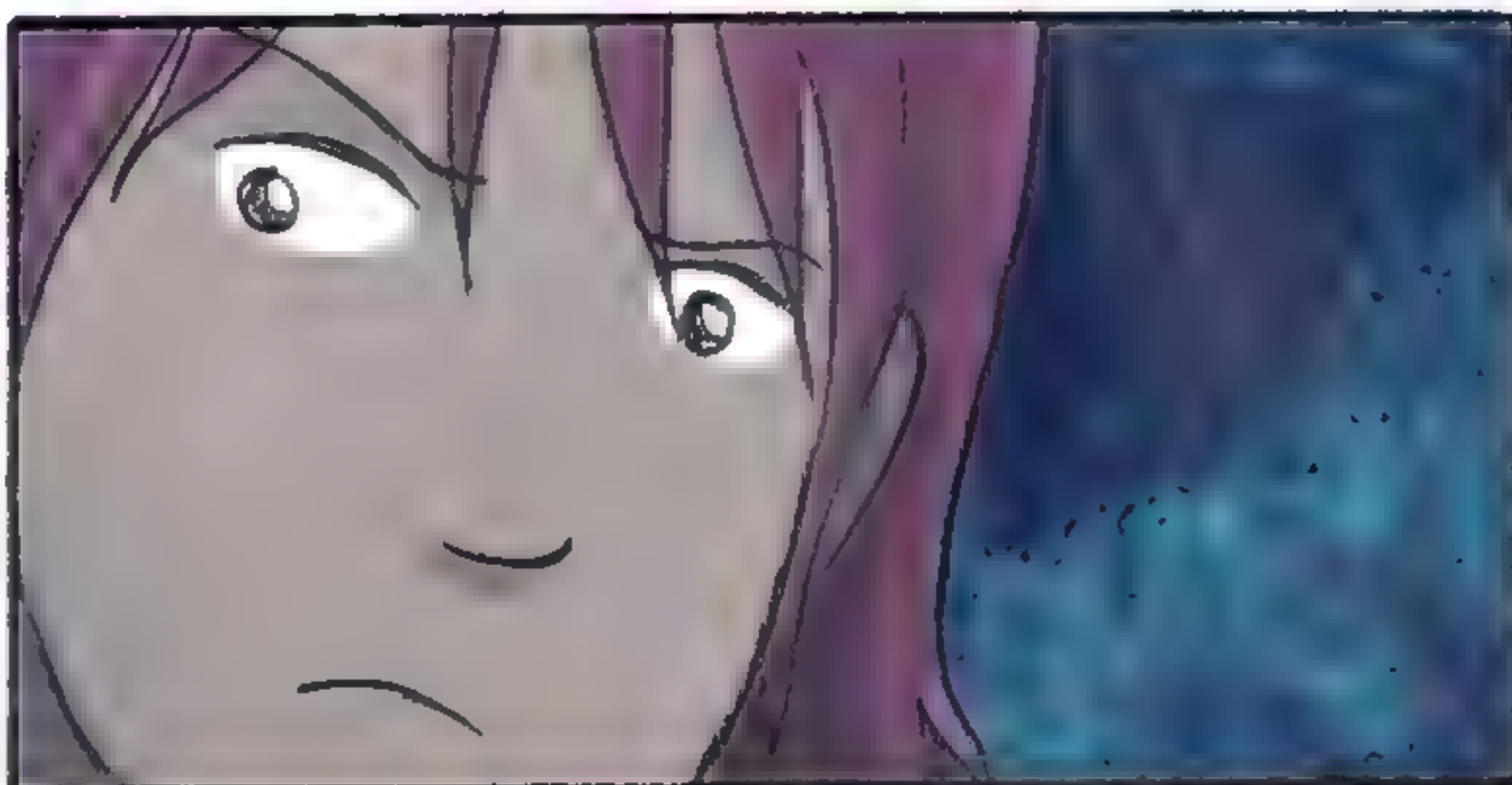
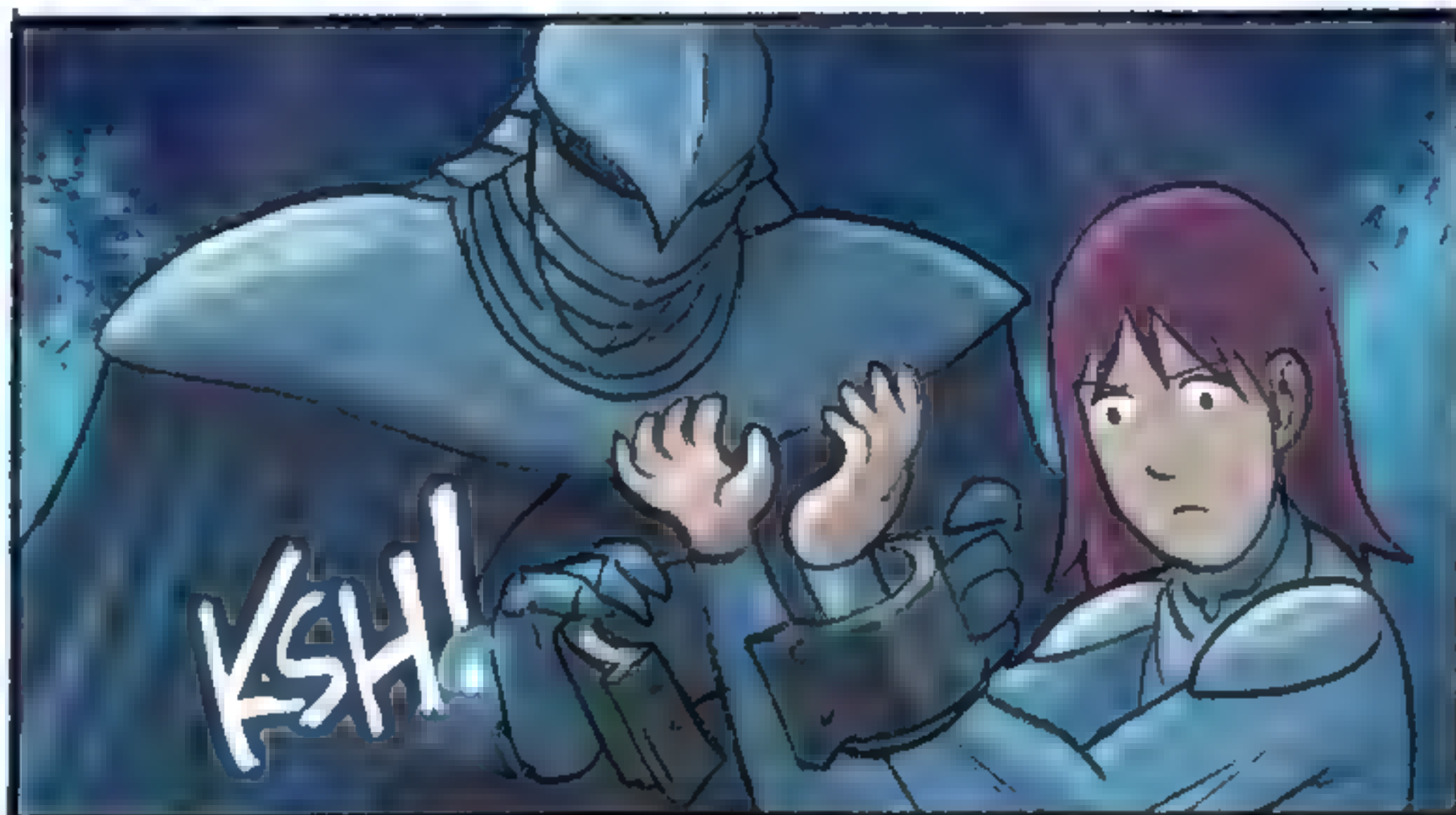


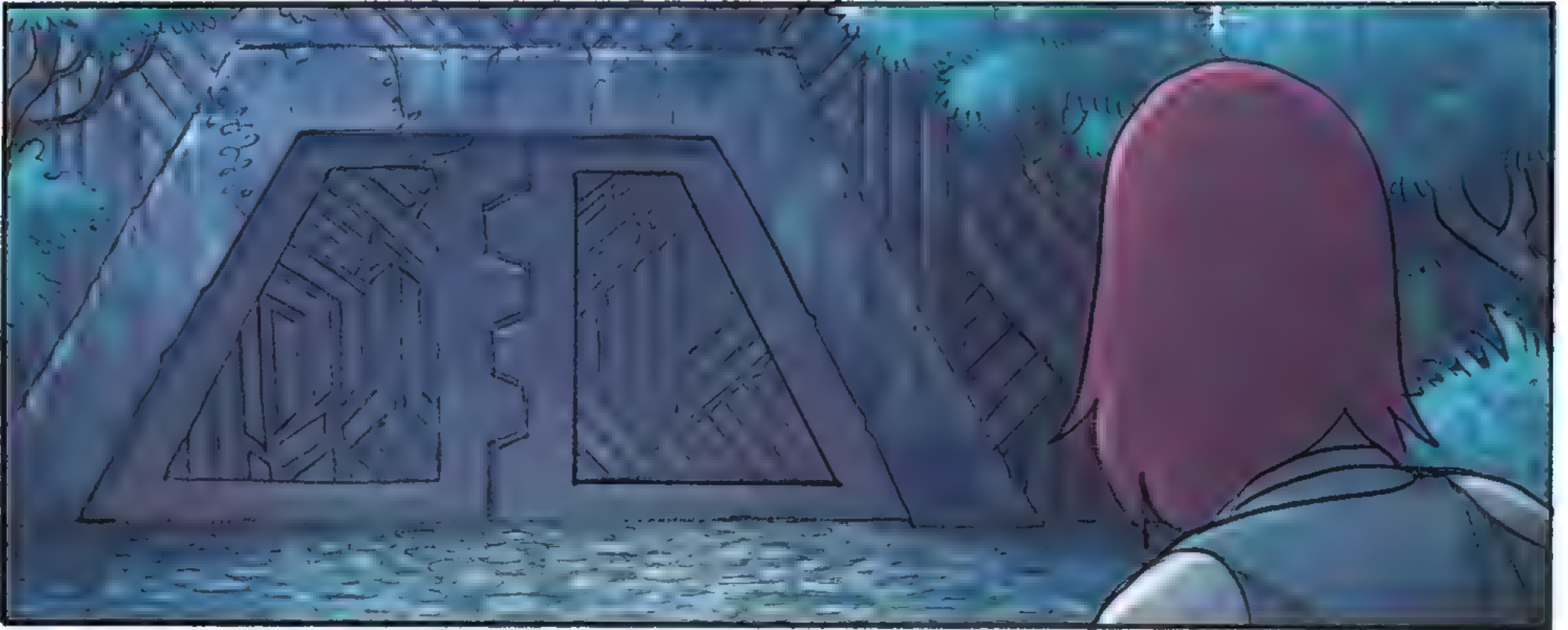
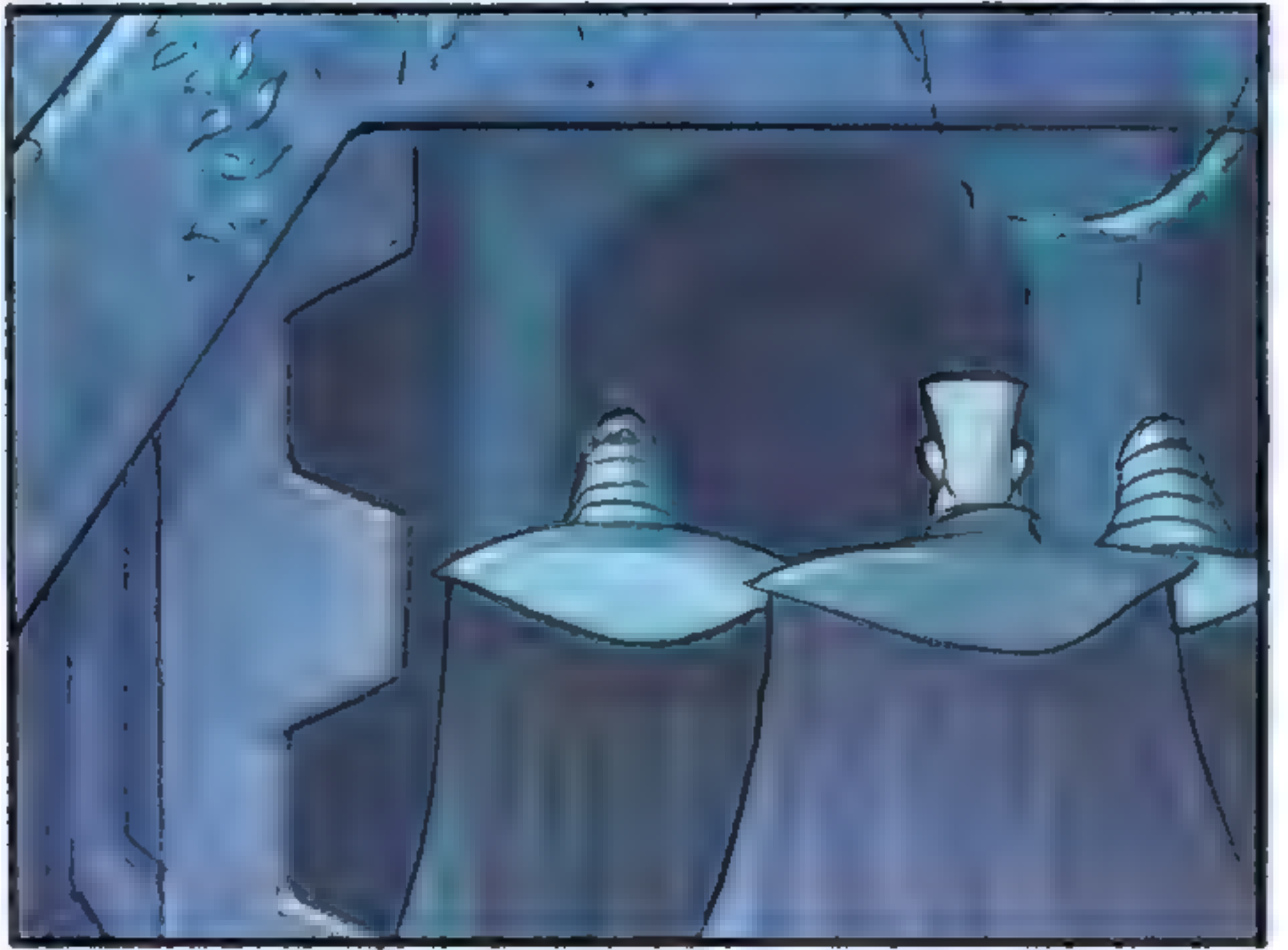


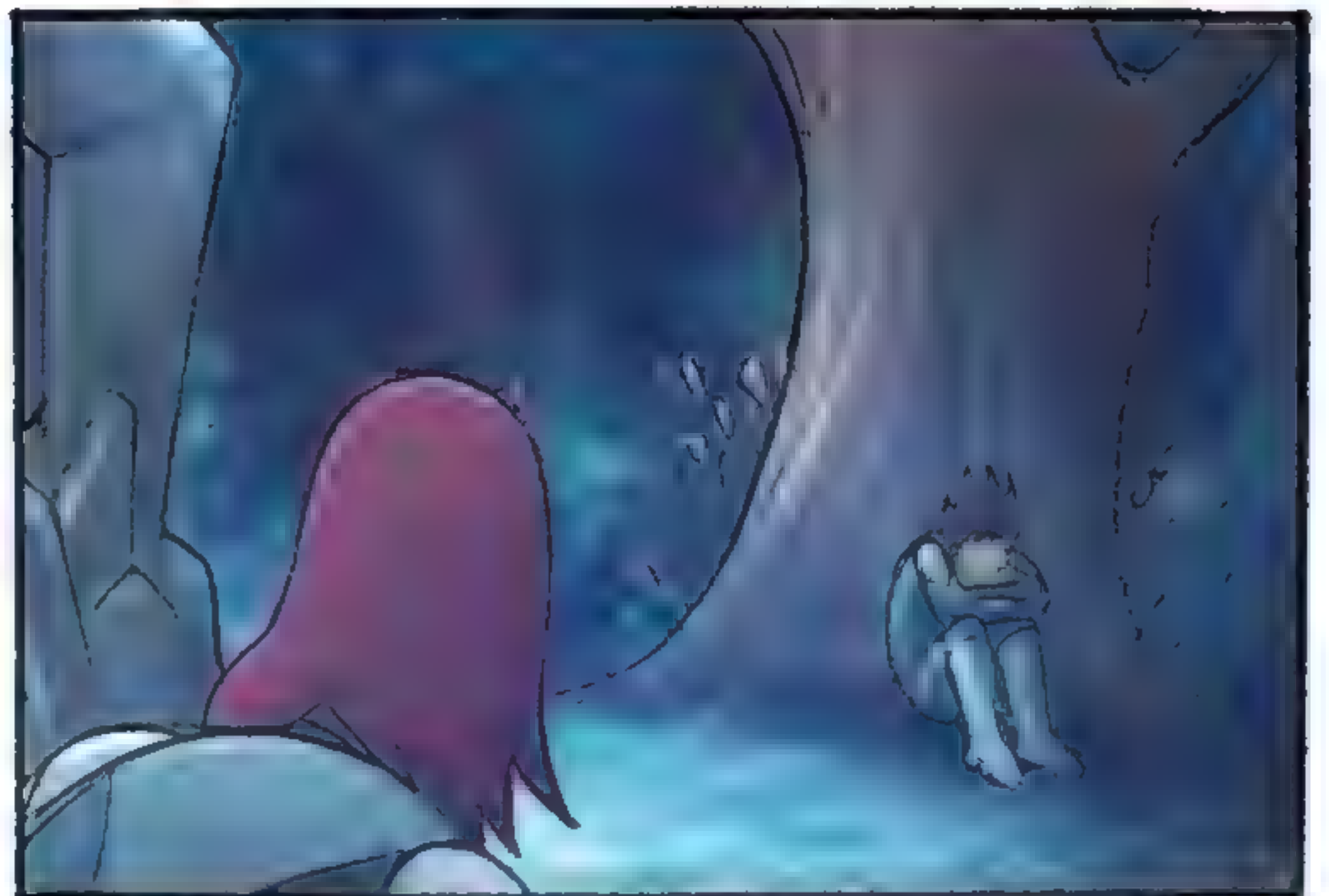


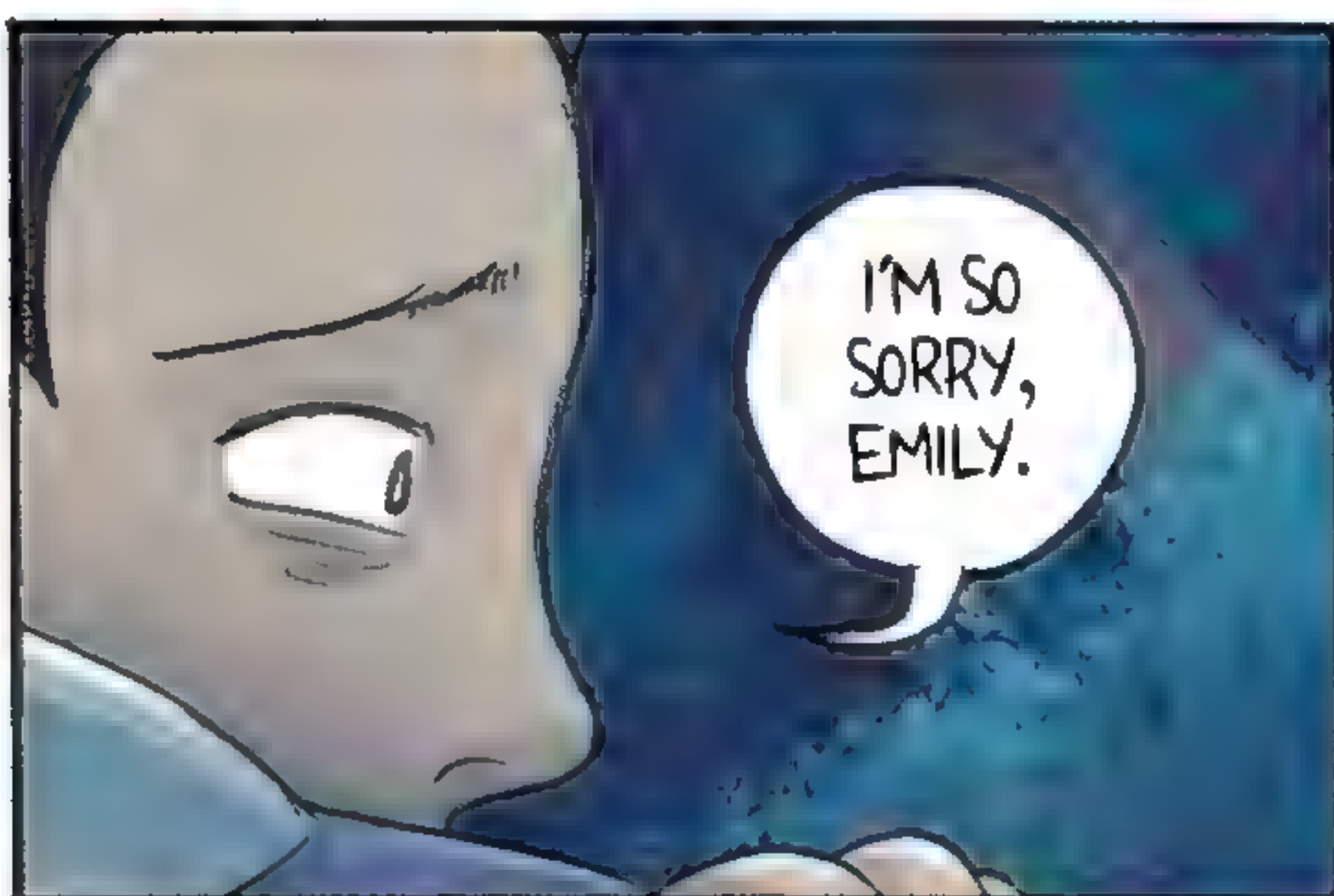


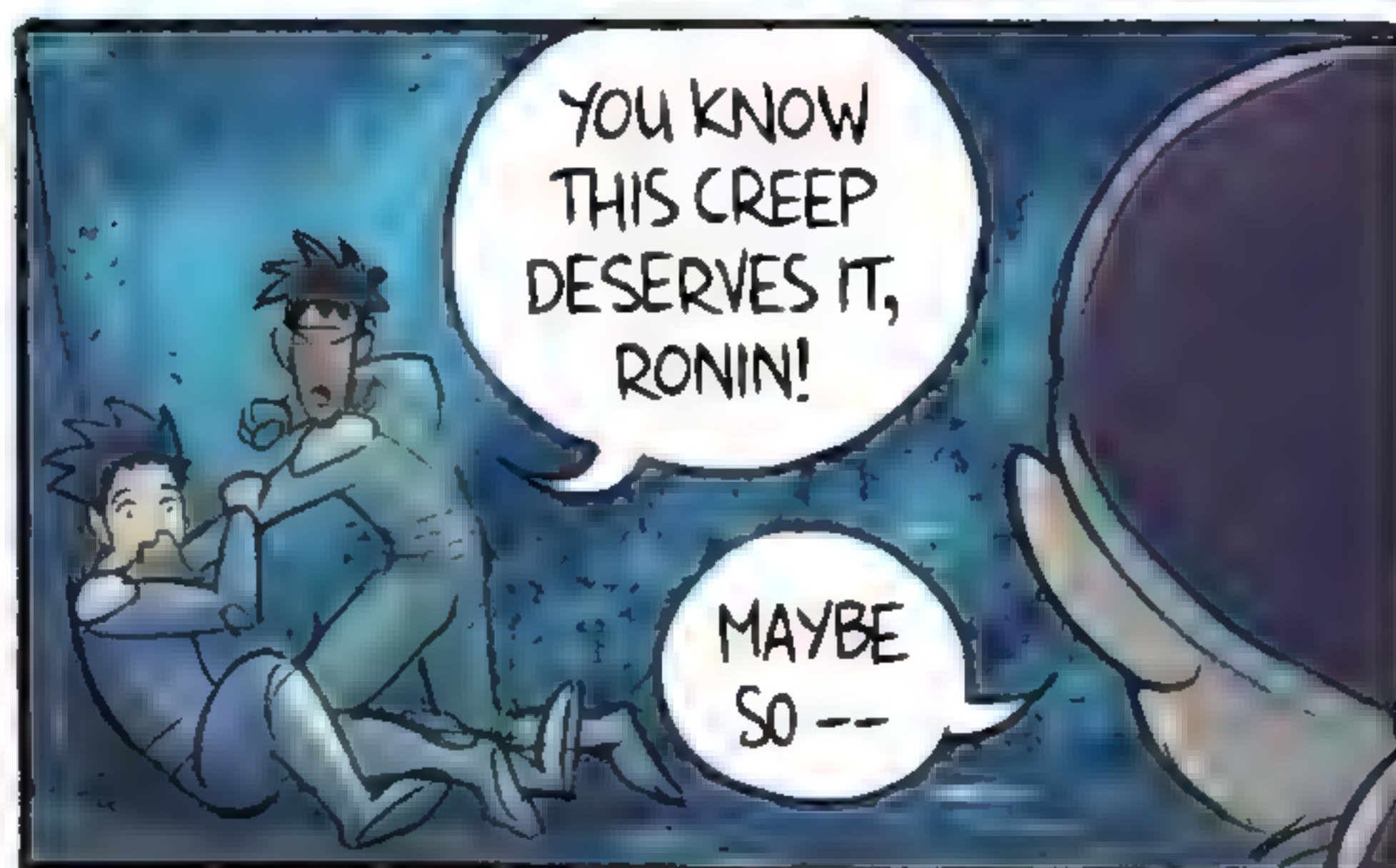


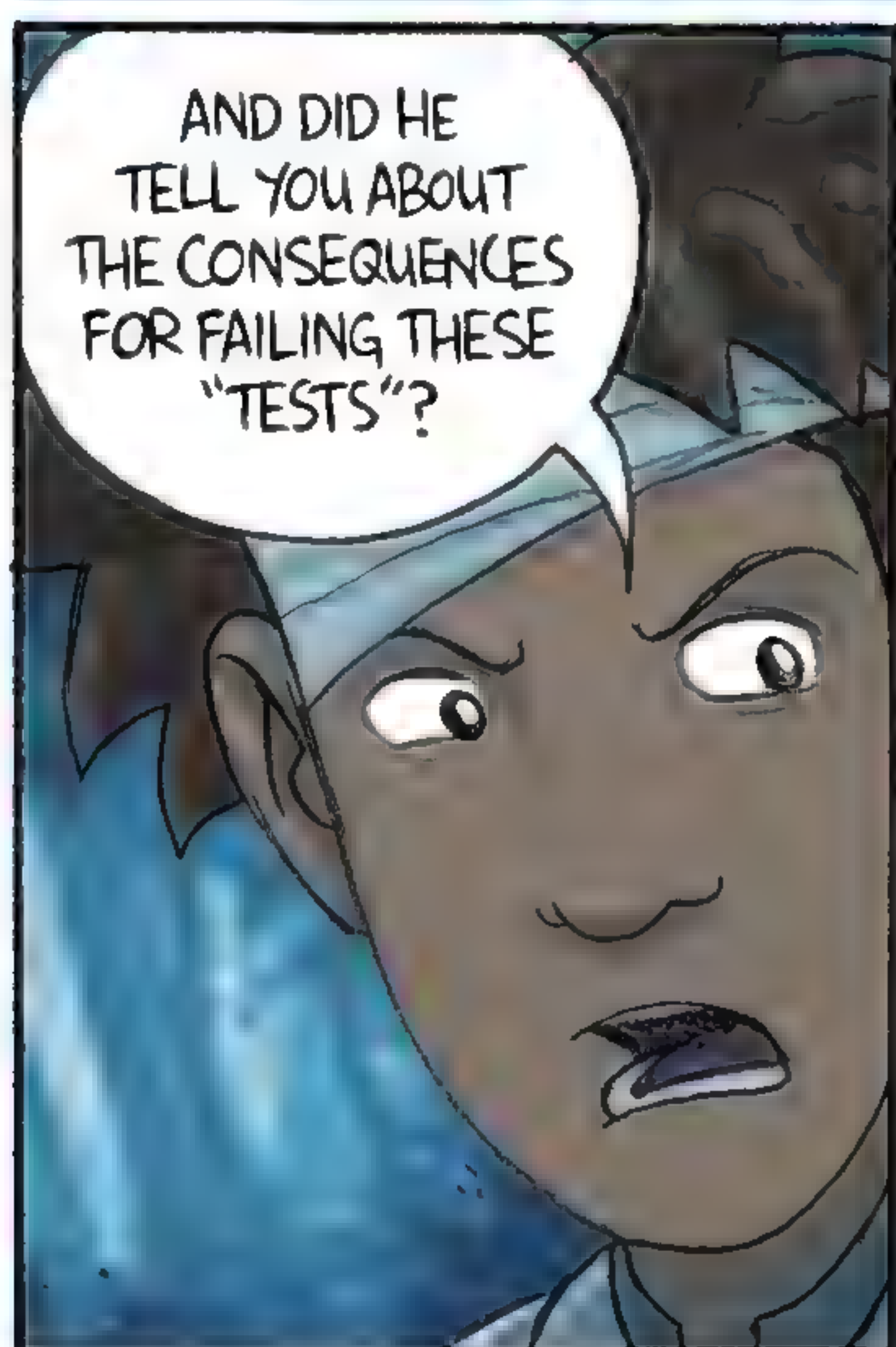


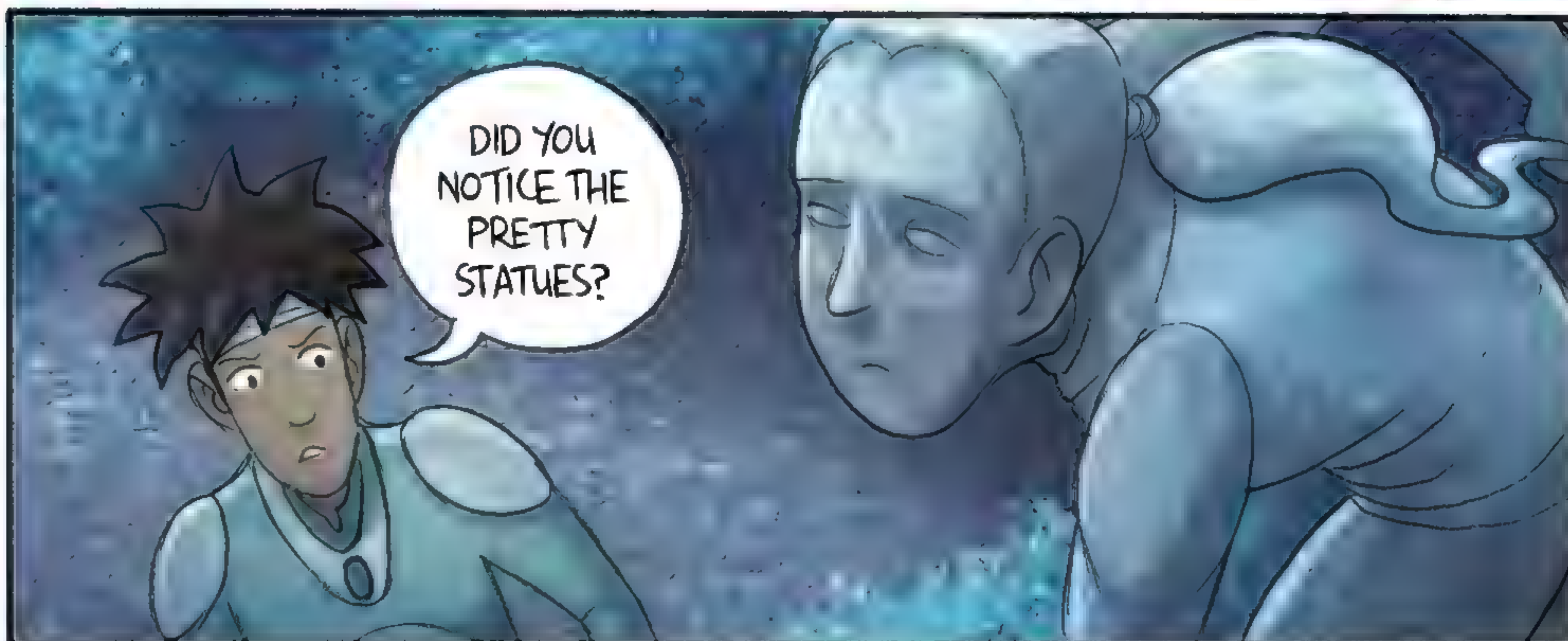


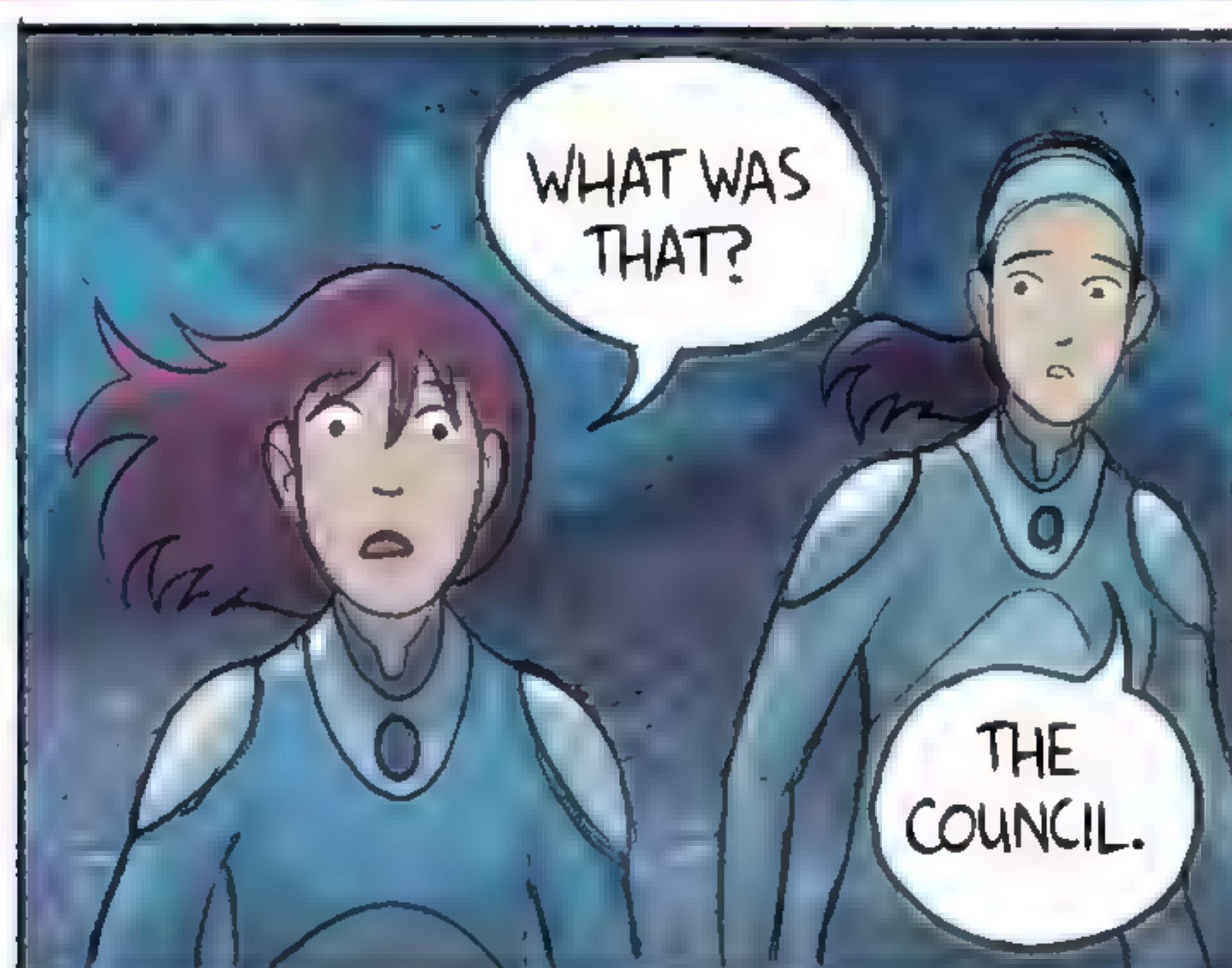
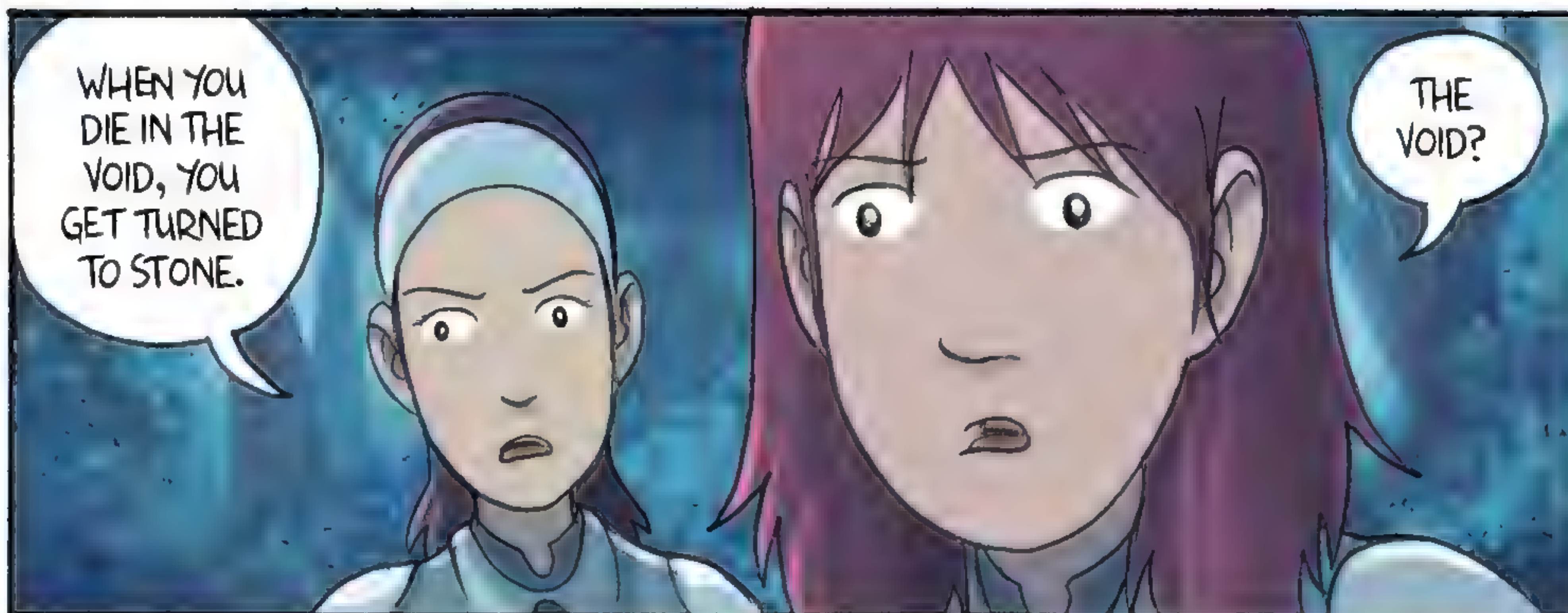






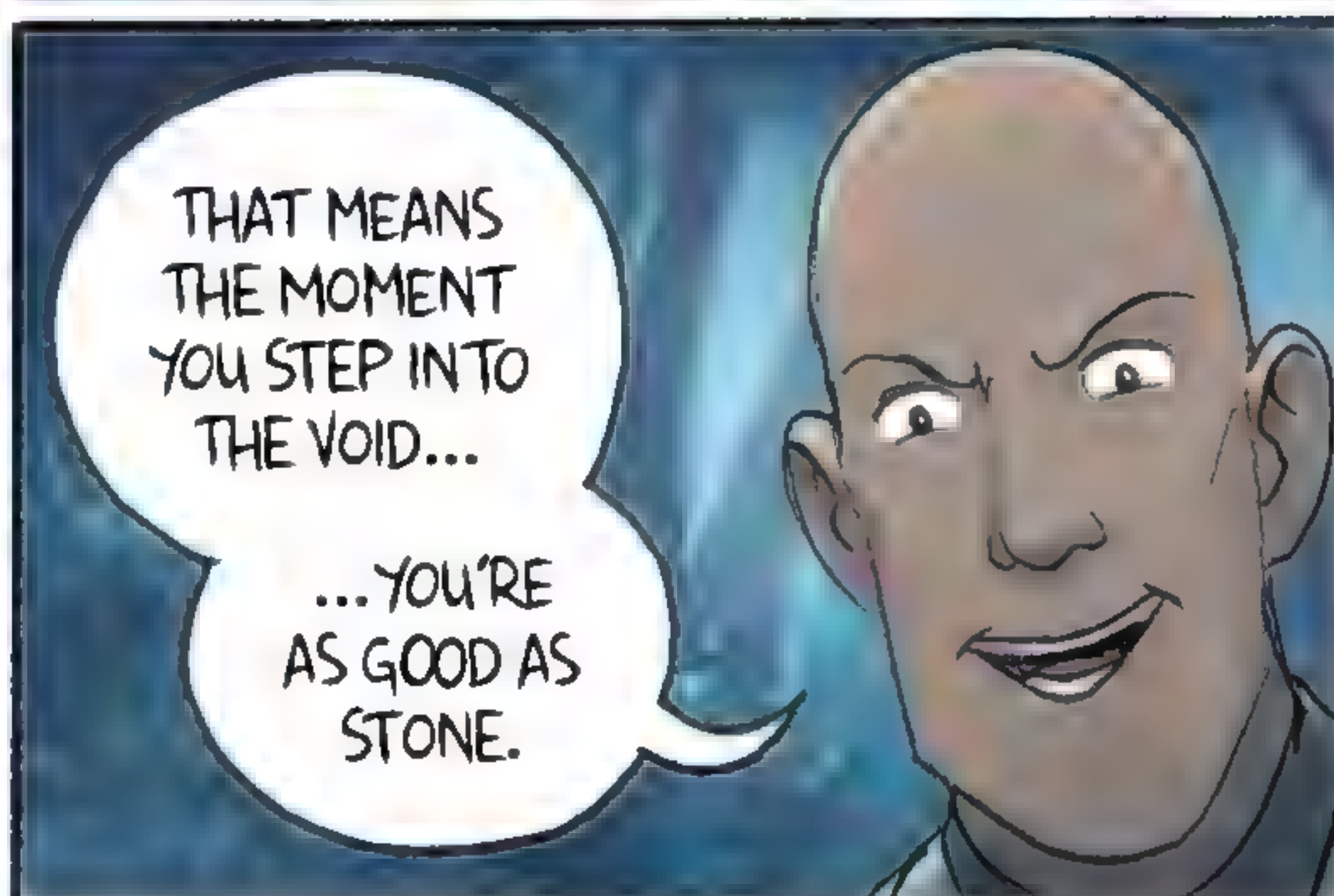
















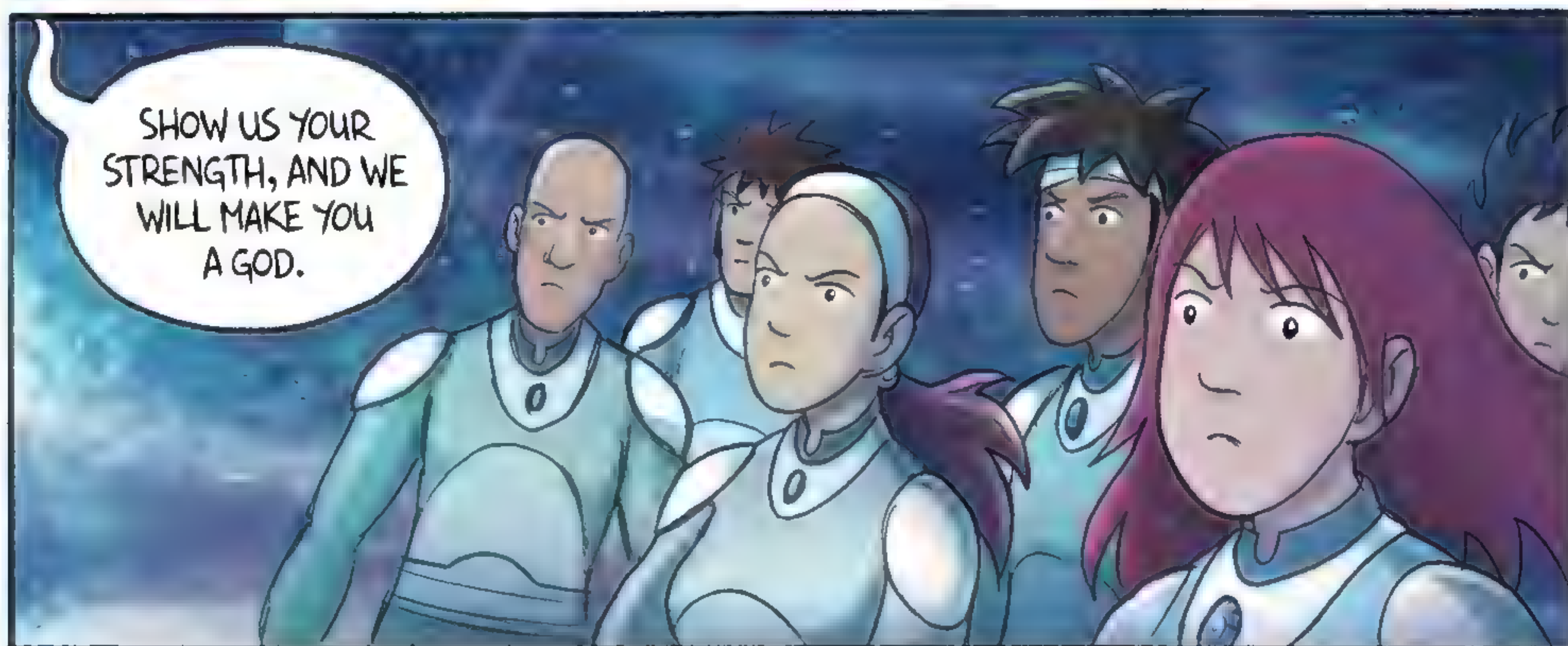
YOUR
ABILITIES HAVE
BROUGHT YOU
THIS FAR.

BUT IT WILL
TAKE MORE THAN
TALENT TO SUCCEED
AT THE ACADEMY.



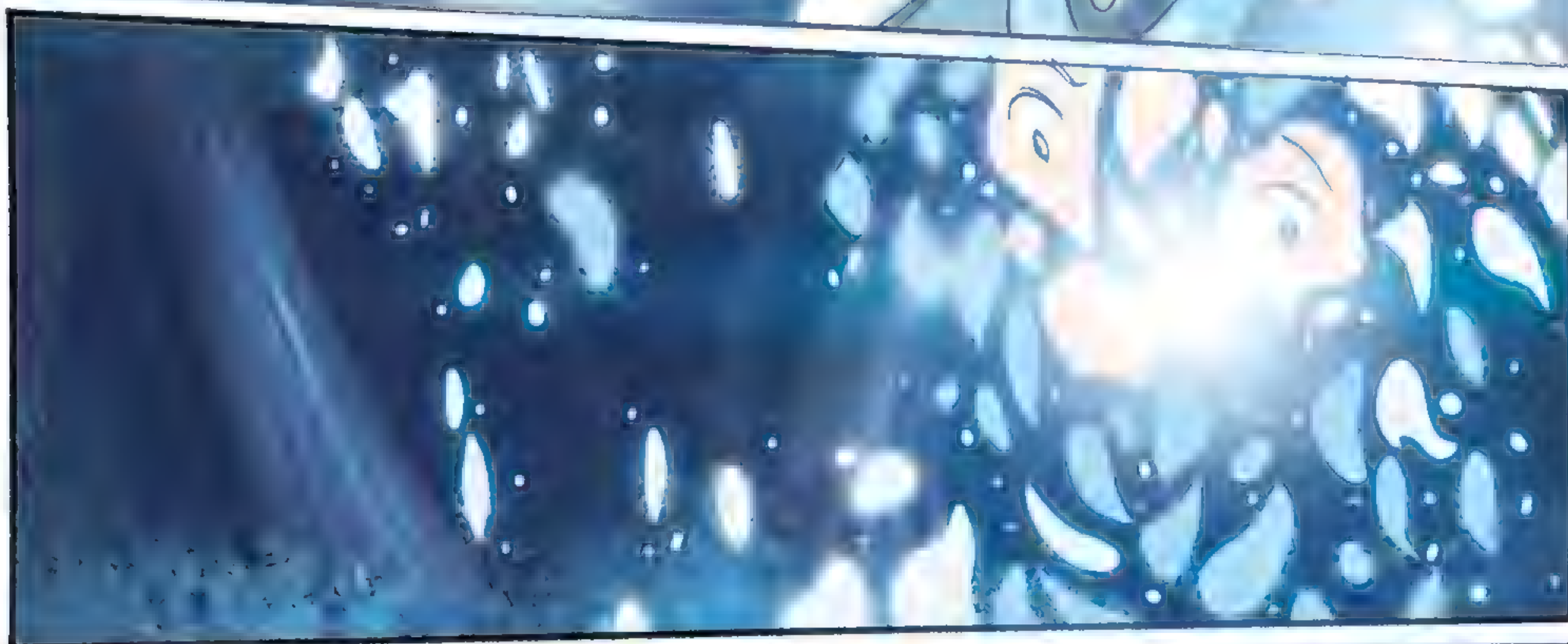
IT WILL ALSO
REQUIRE SACRIFICE AND
A DETERMINATION TO
SUCCEED AT ANY COST.

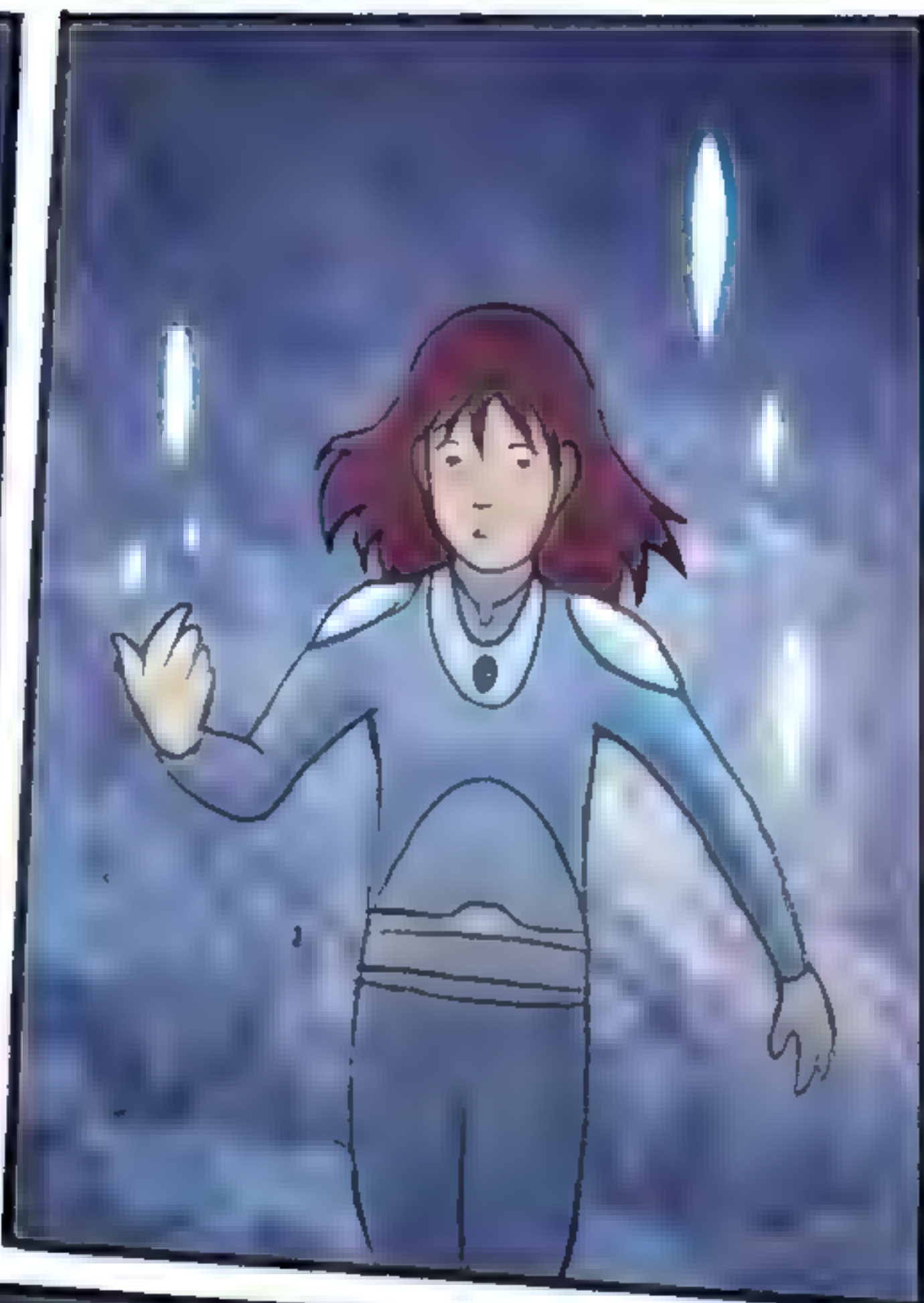
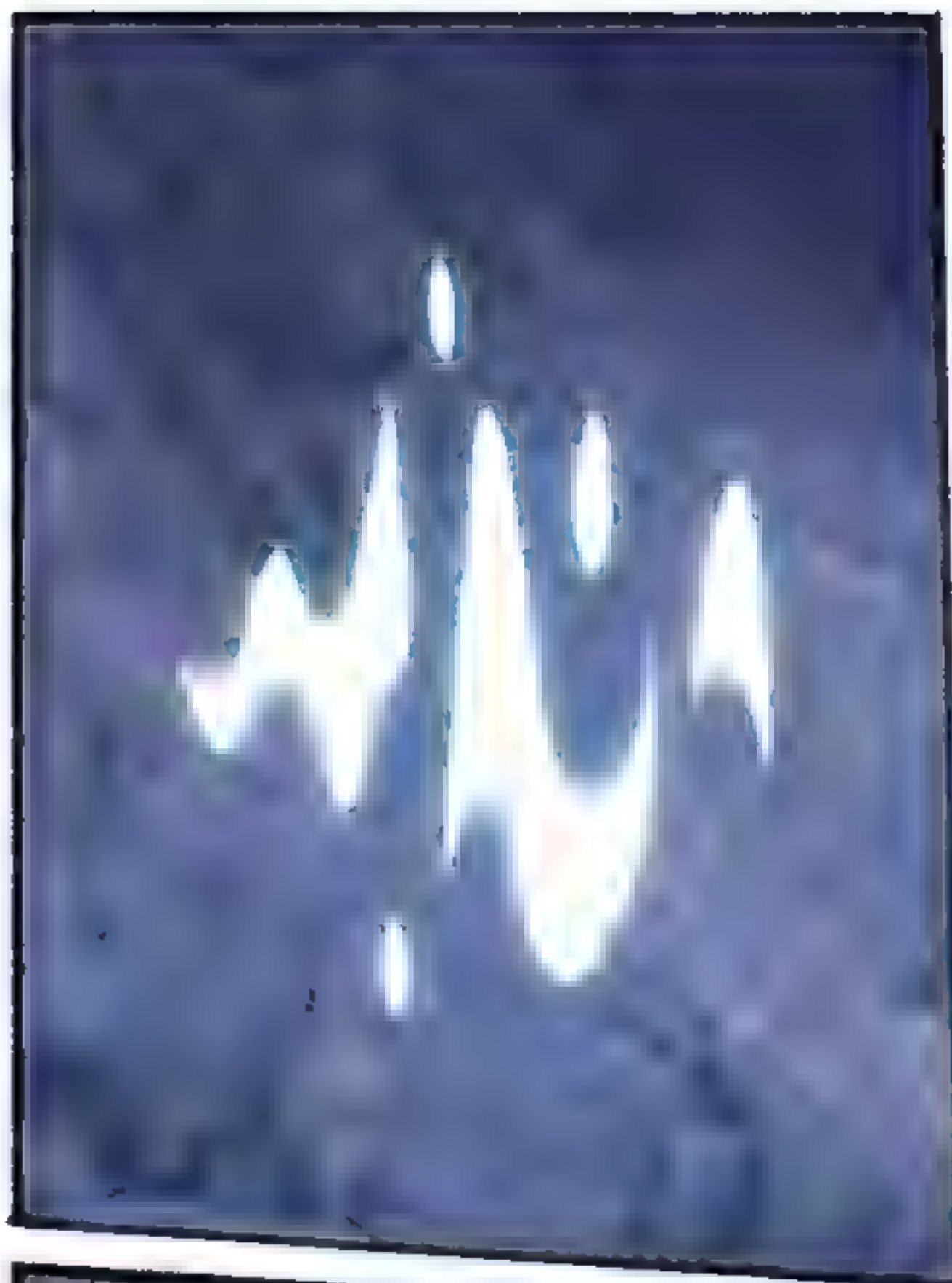
SHOW US WEAKNESS
OR MERCY, AND YOU
WILL FIND A PERMANENT
PLACE IN THE GARDEN OF
THE KEEPERS.

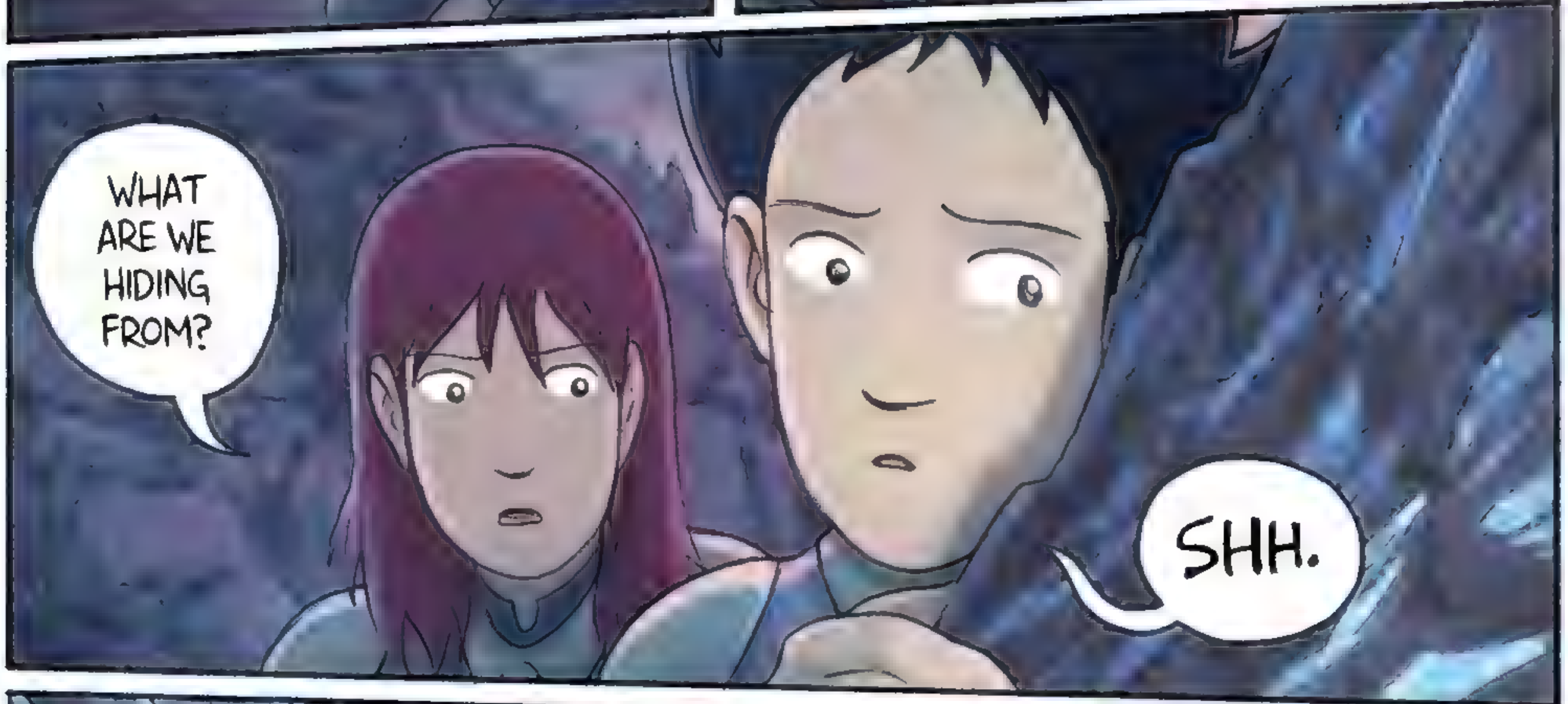


SHOW US YOUR
STRENGTH, AND WE
WILL MAKE YOU
A GOD.



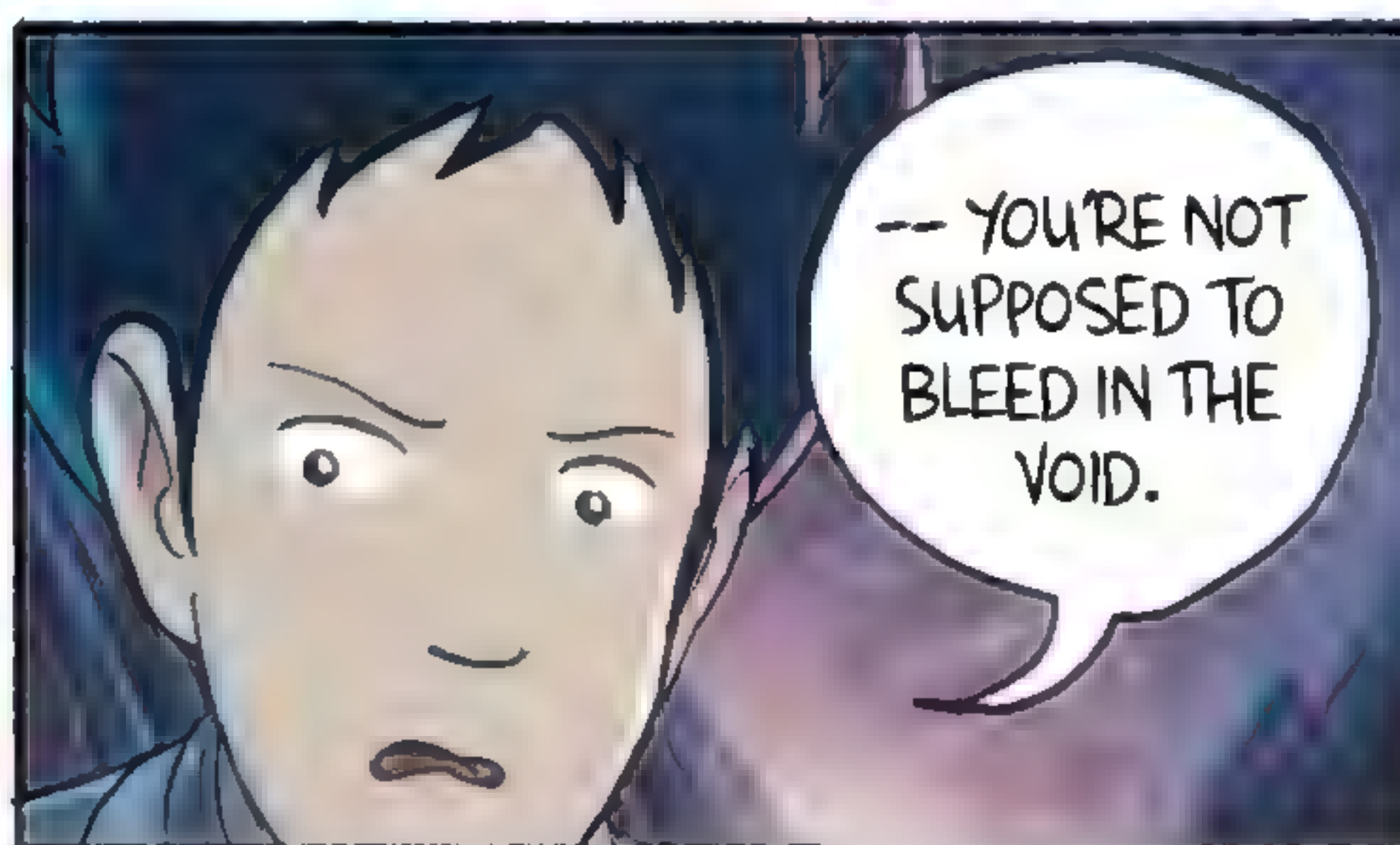
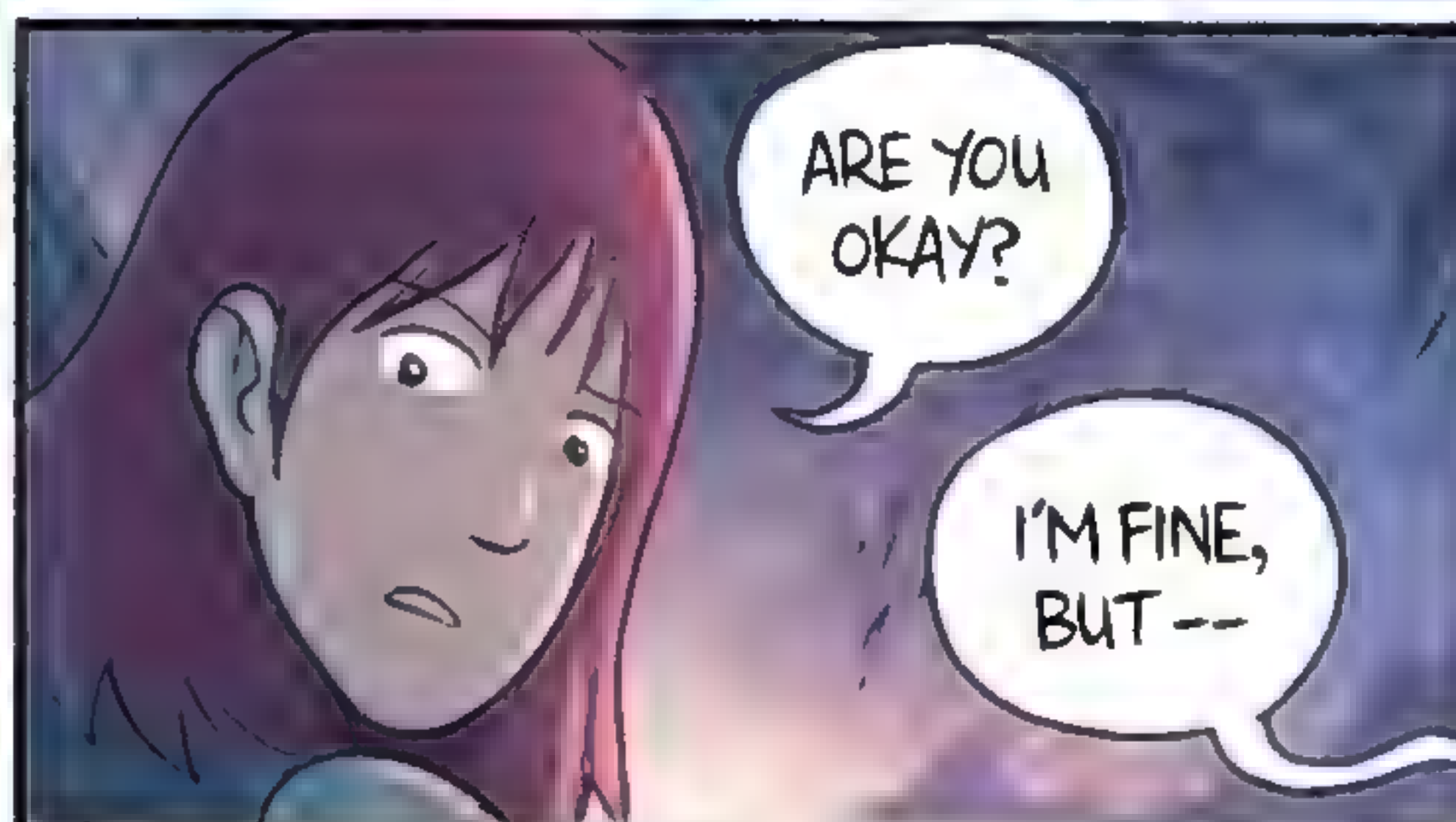


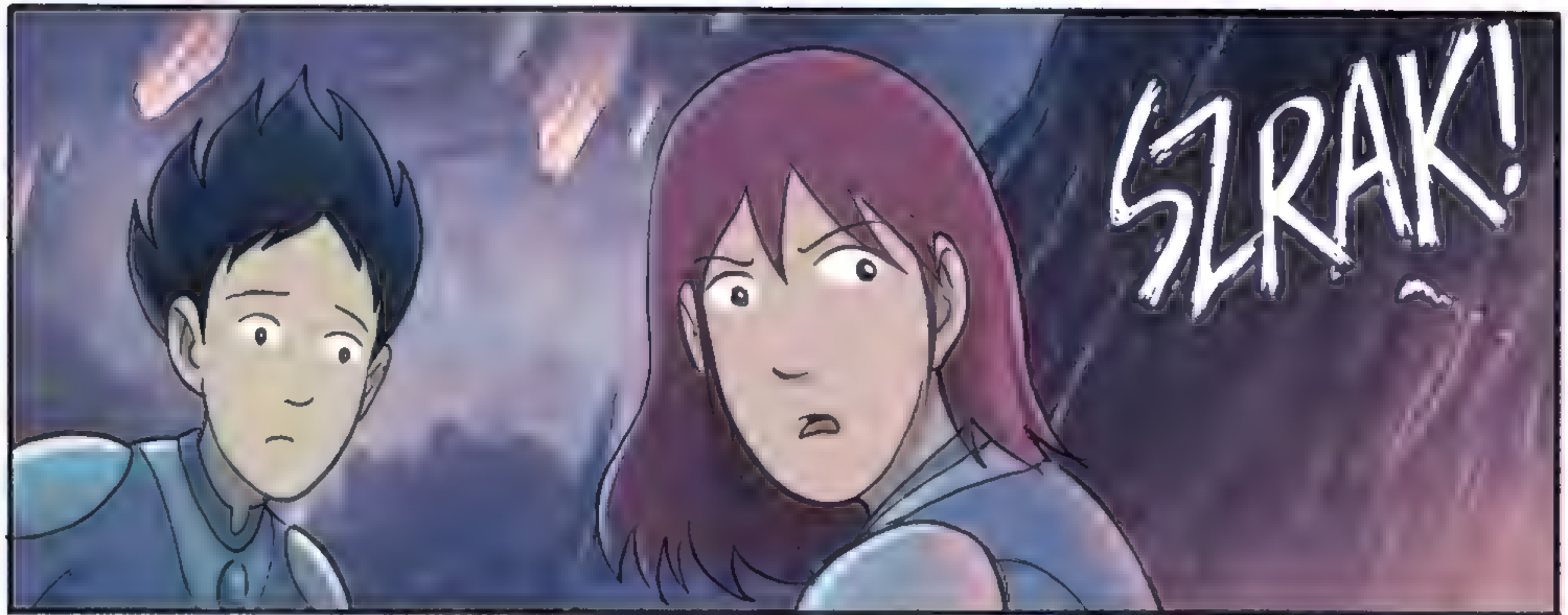


















THIS IS
NONE OF YOUR
BUSINESS!



WHAT PART OF
"SURVIVAL OF THE
FITTEST" DO YOU
NOT UNDERSTAND?



CHUCK!
DO
SOMETHING!



SHE'S --
SHE'S TOO
STRONG.



YOU'RE
USELESS!



IF I LET
YOU DOWN,
WILL YOU
BEHAVE?



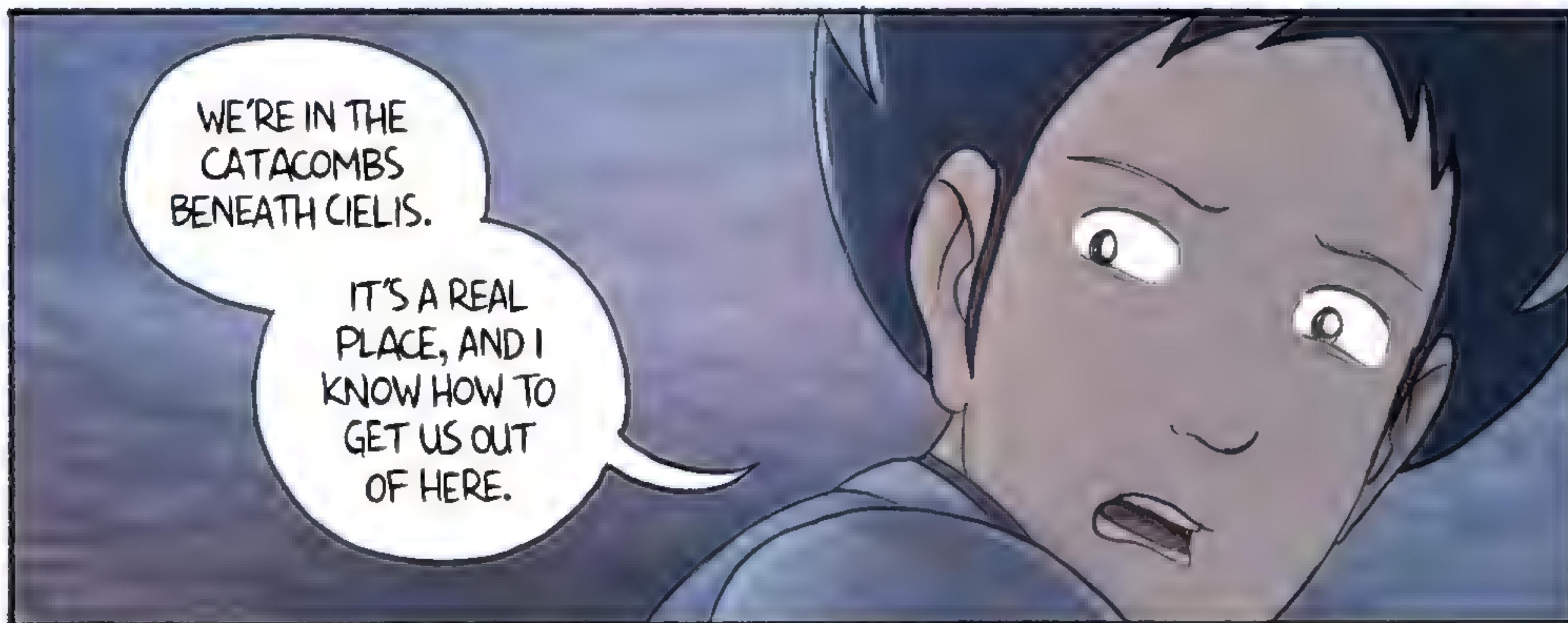
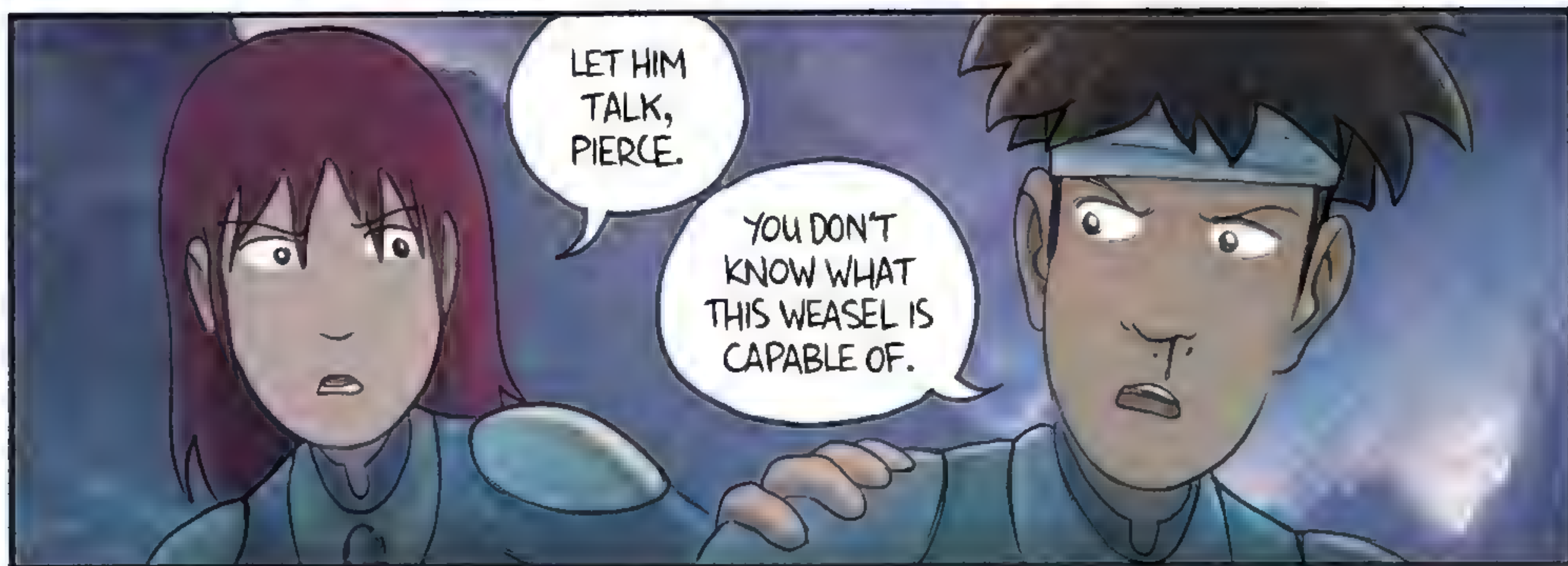
OKAY!
OKAY!

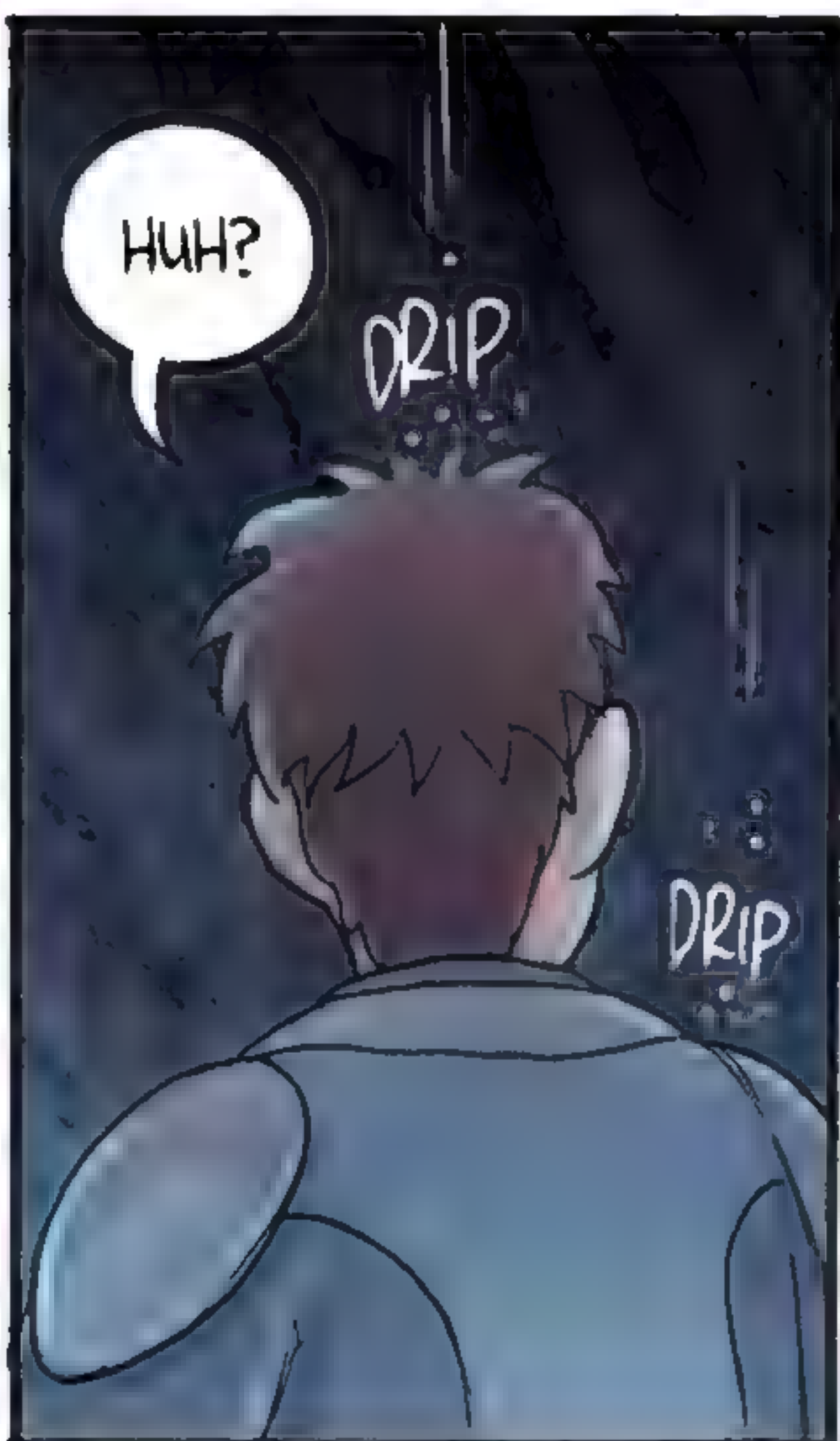
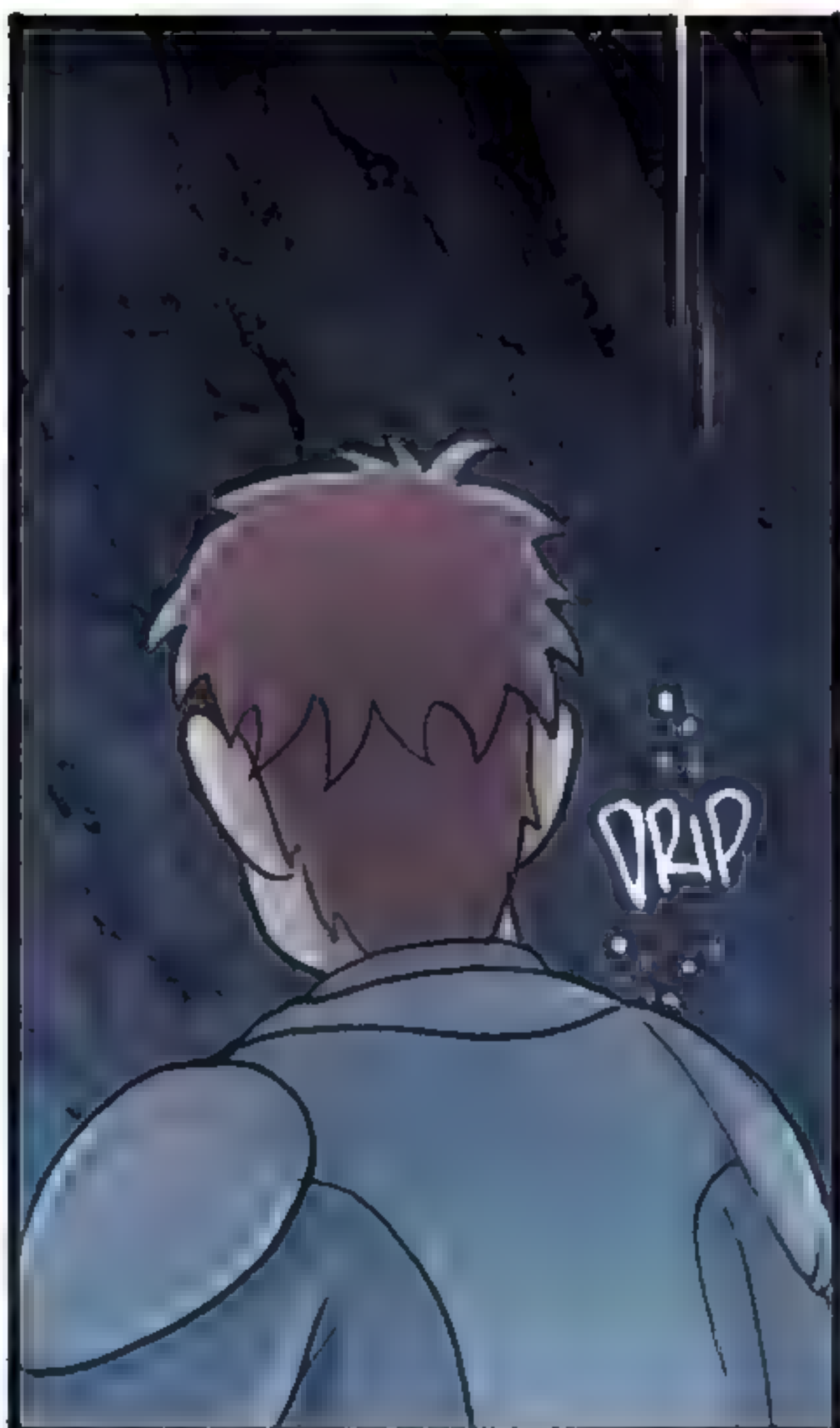
NOW APOLOGIZE
TO MY FRIENDS.



I'M SORRY!
SORRY!!





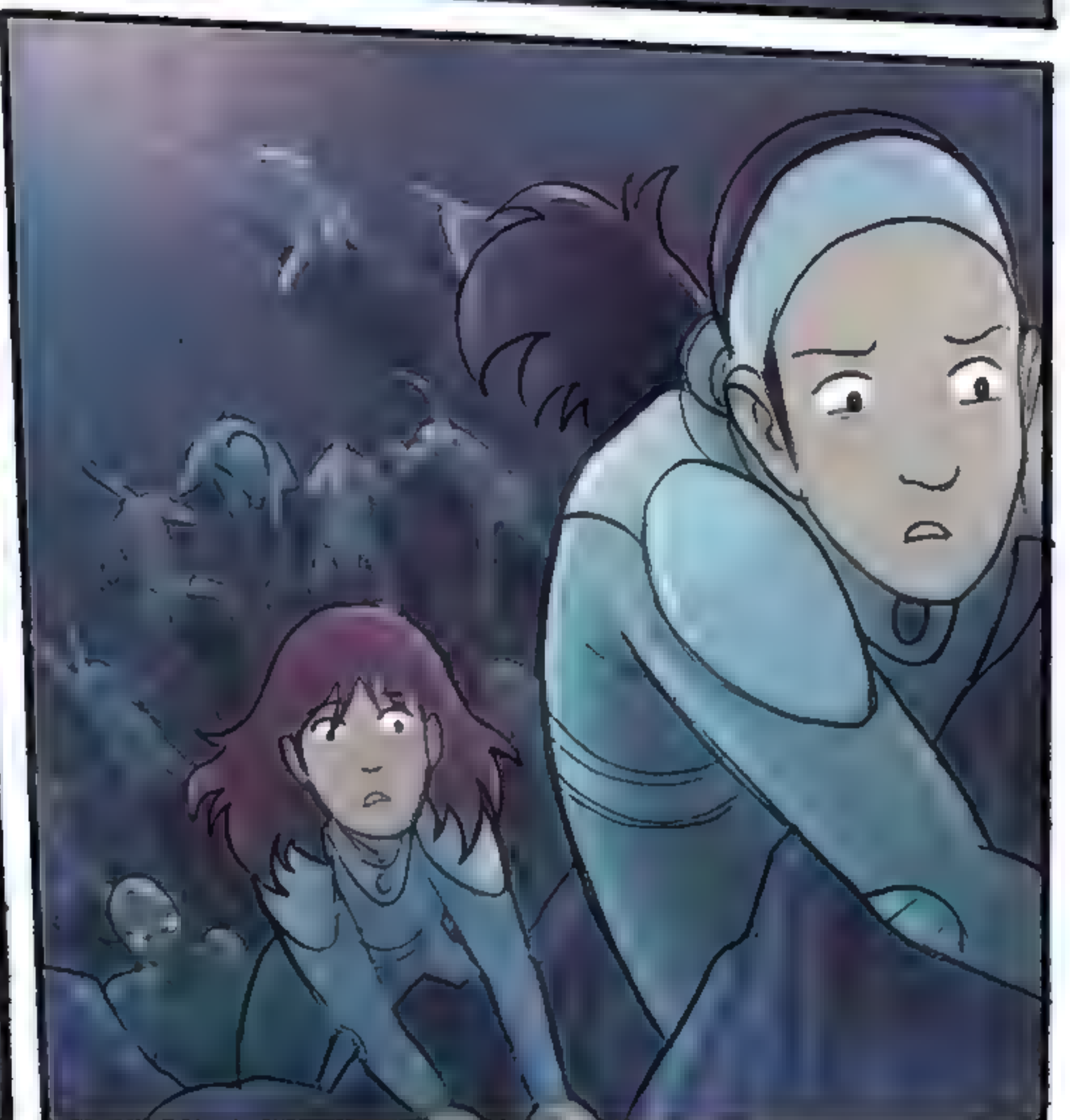




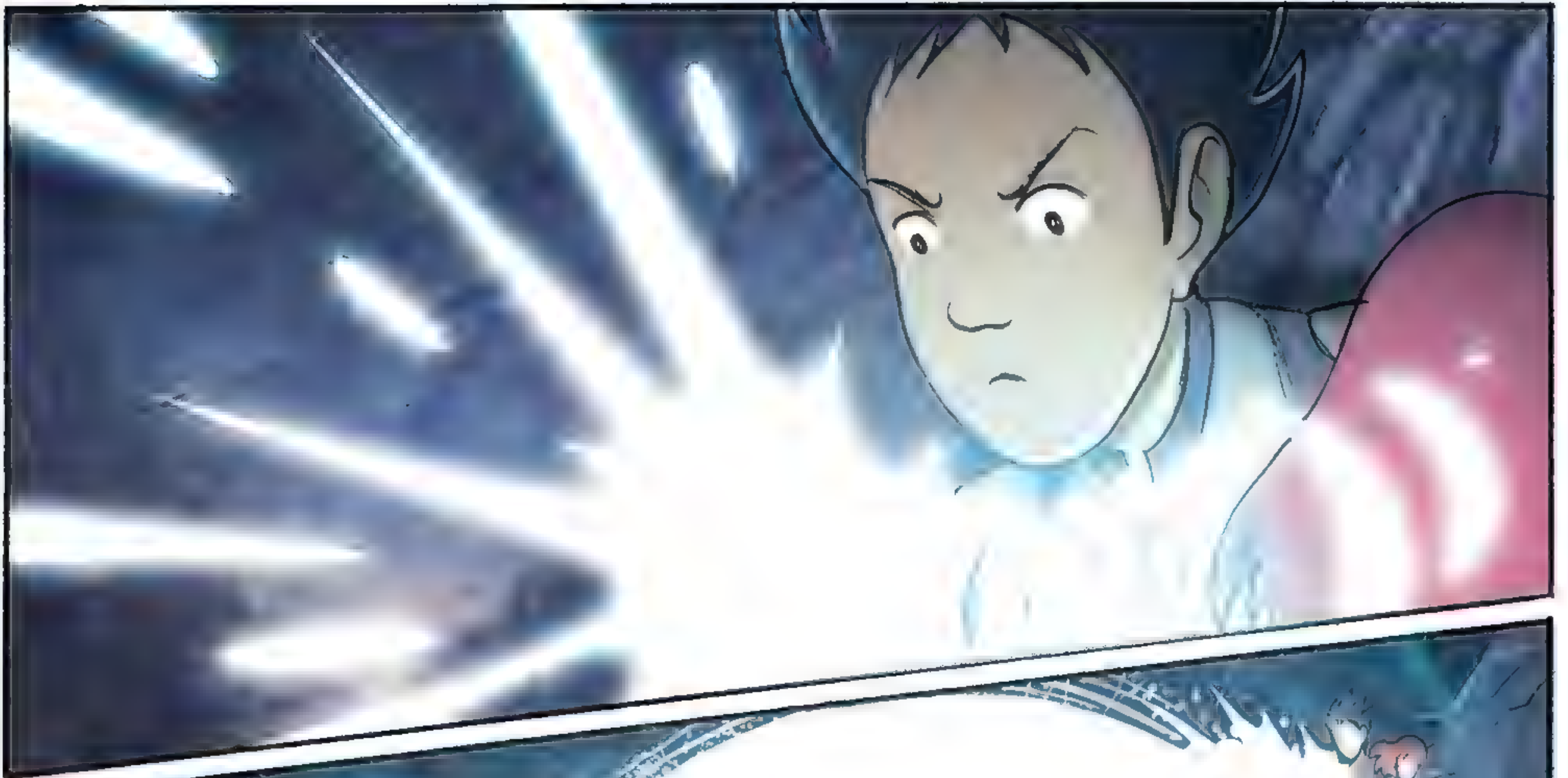
UH,
GUYS...

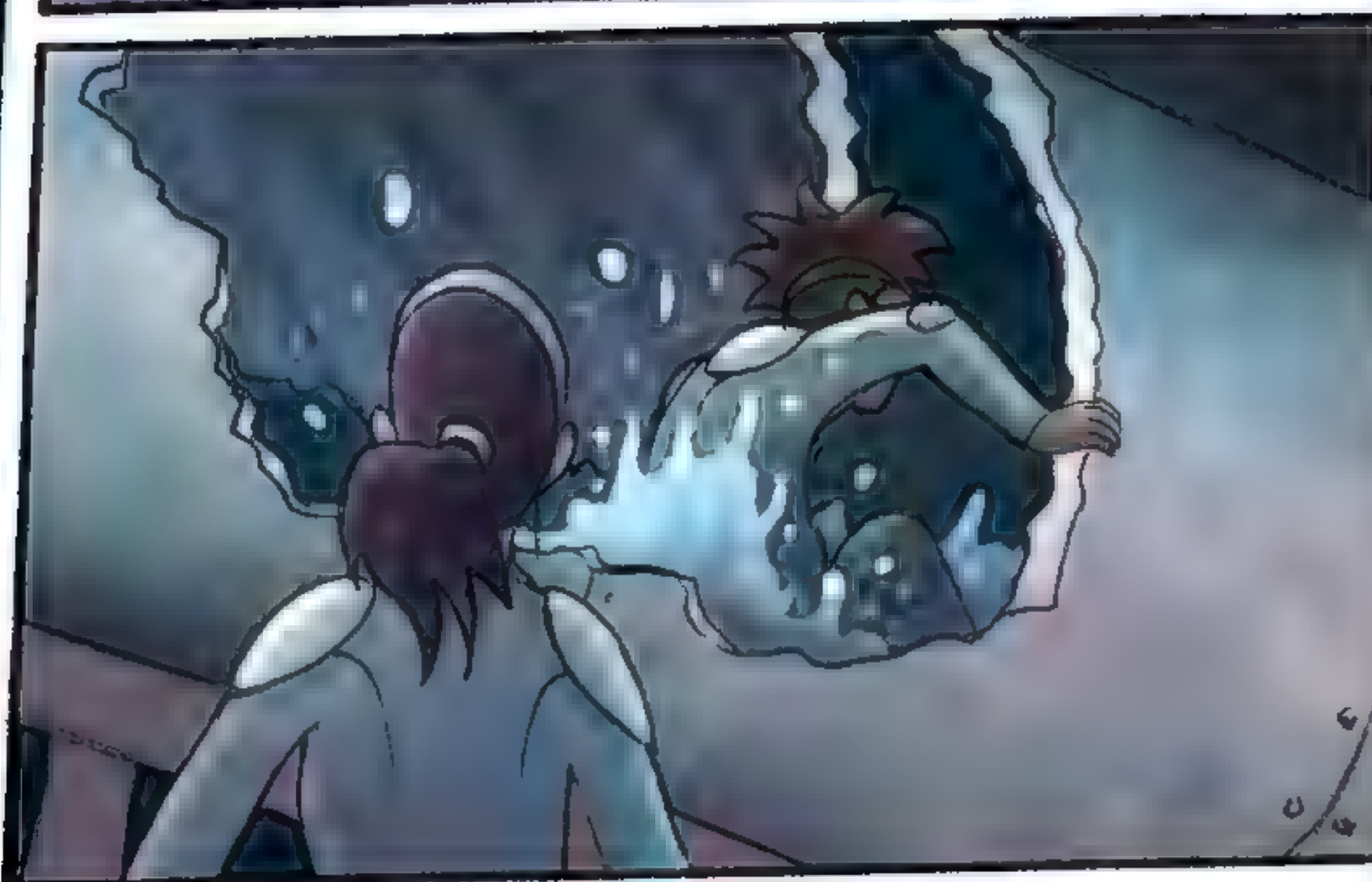


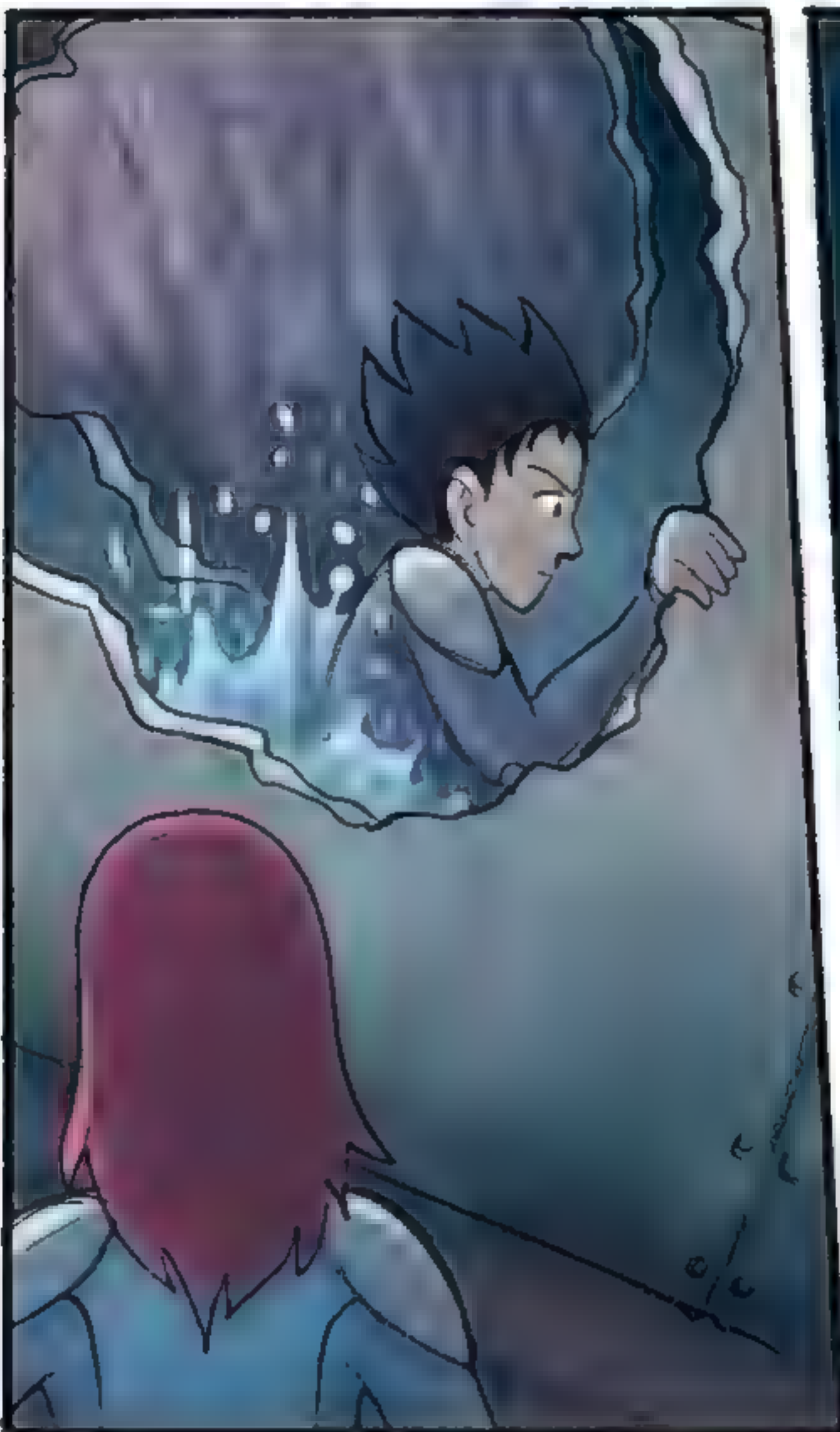
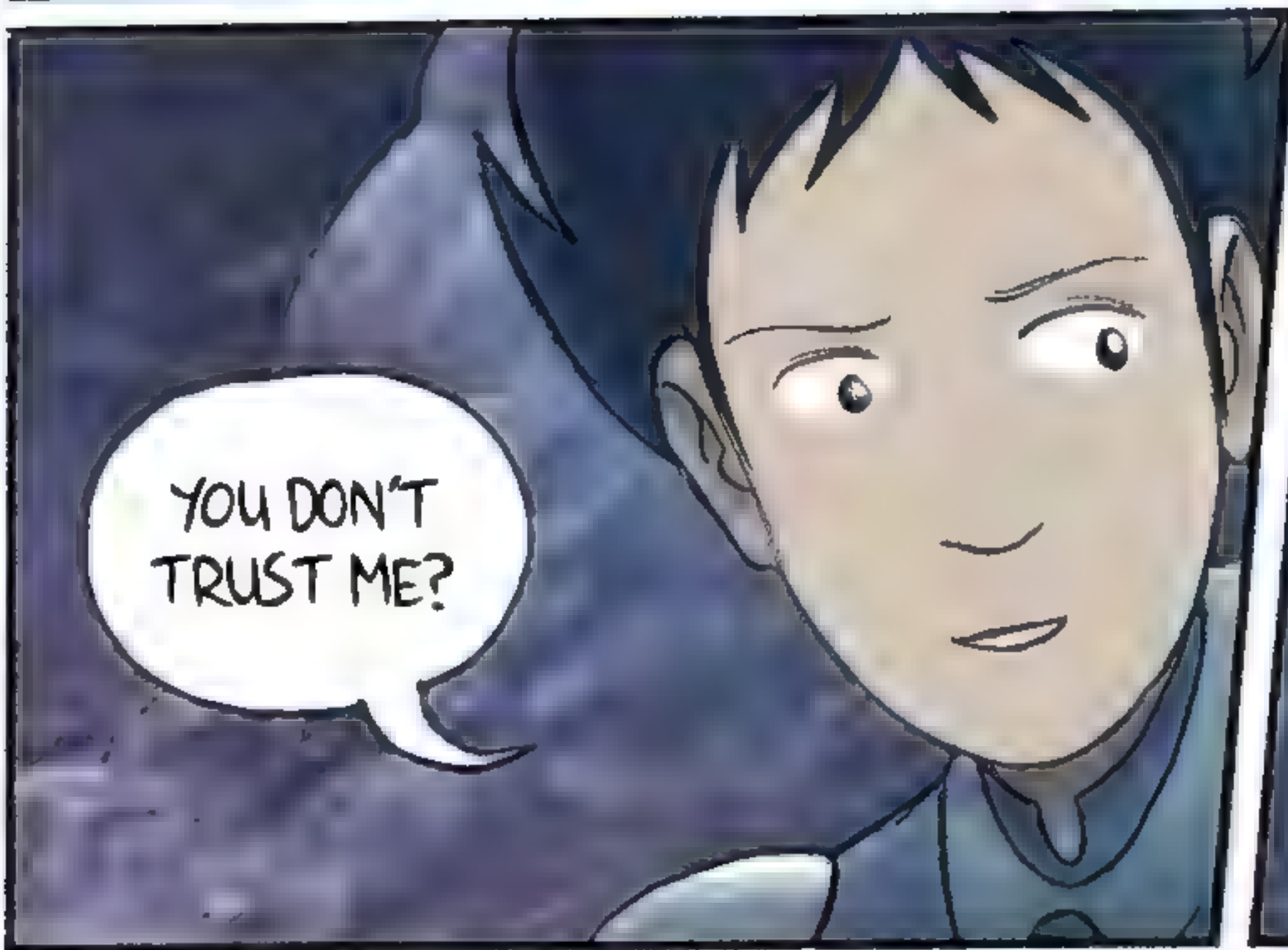
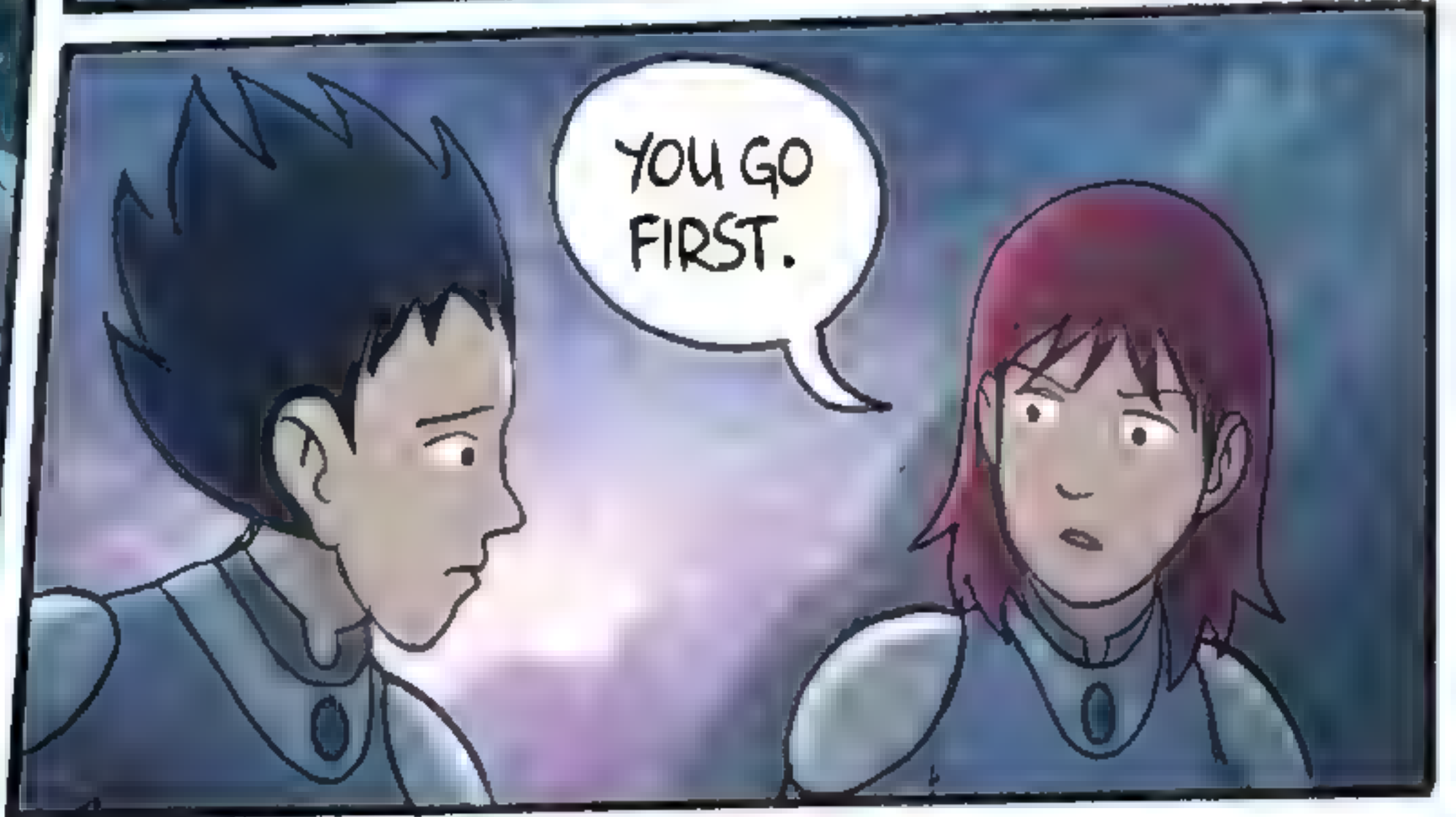
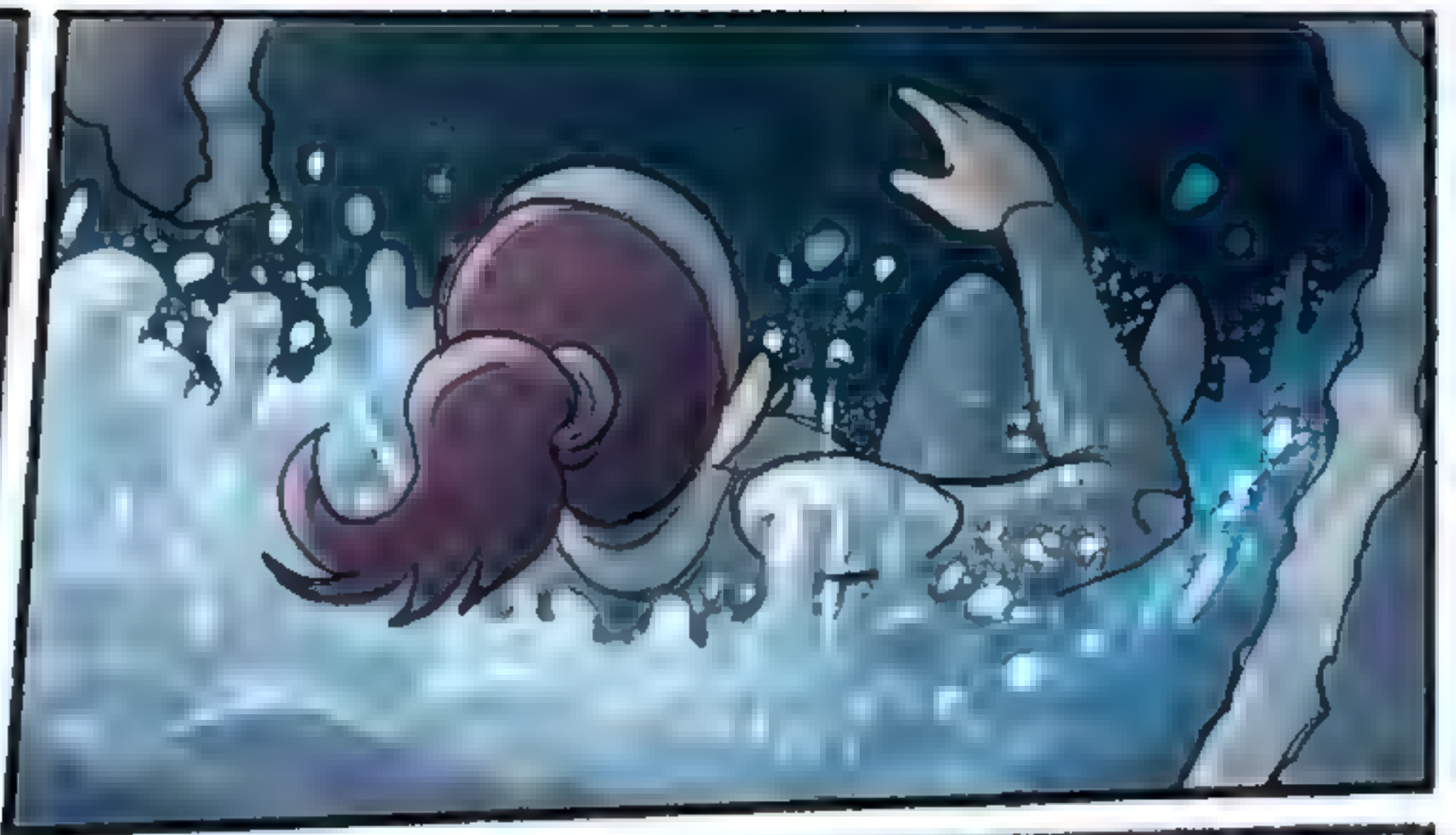


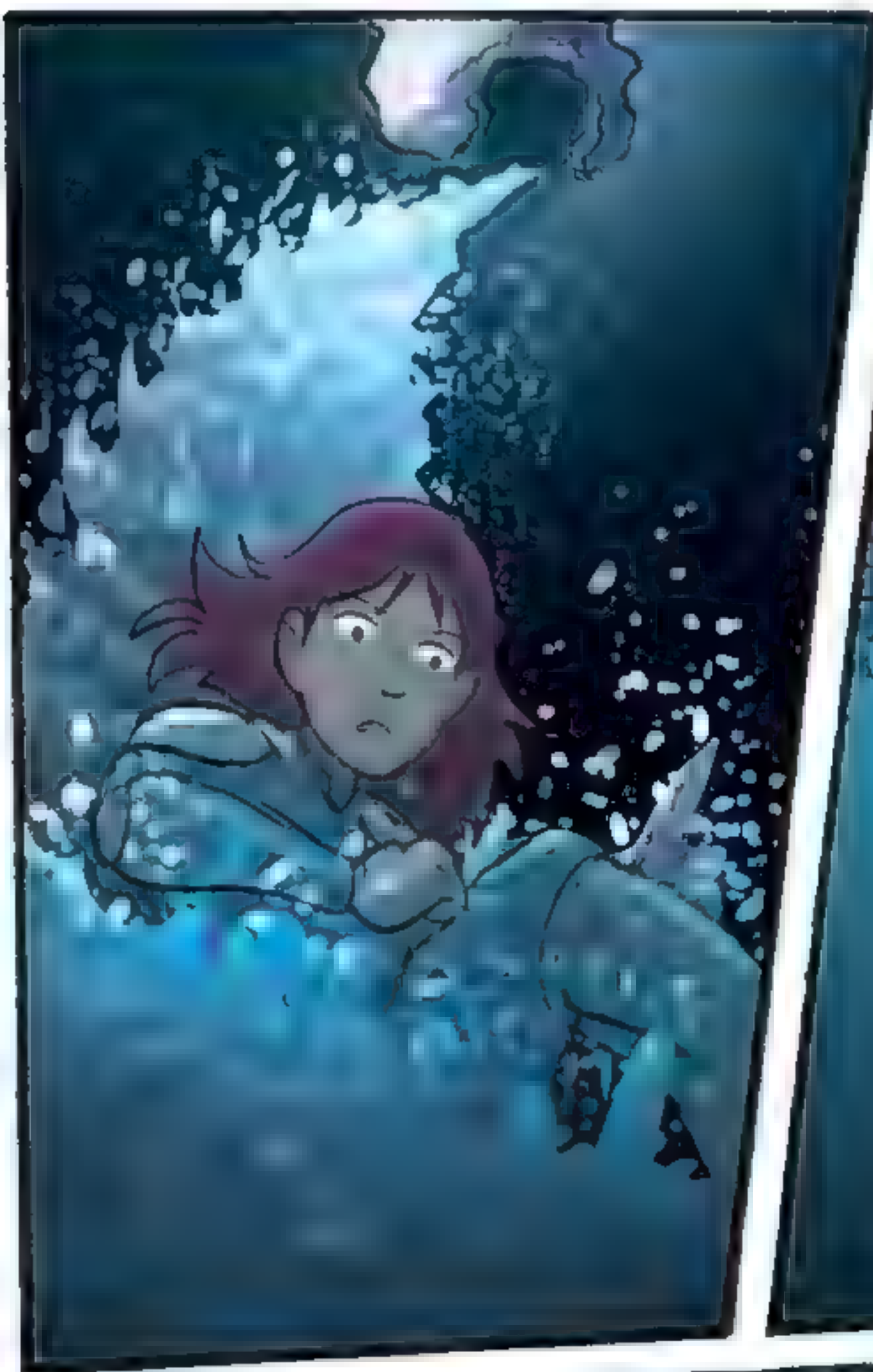
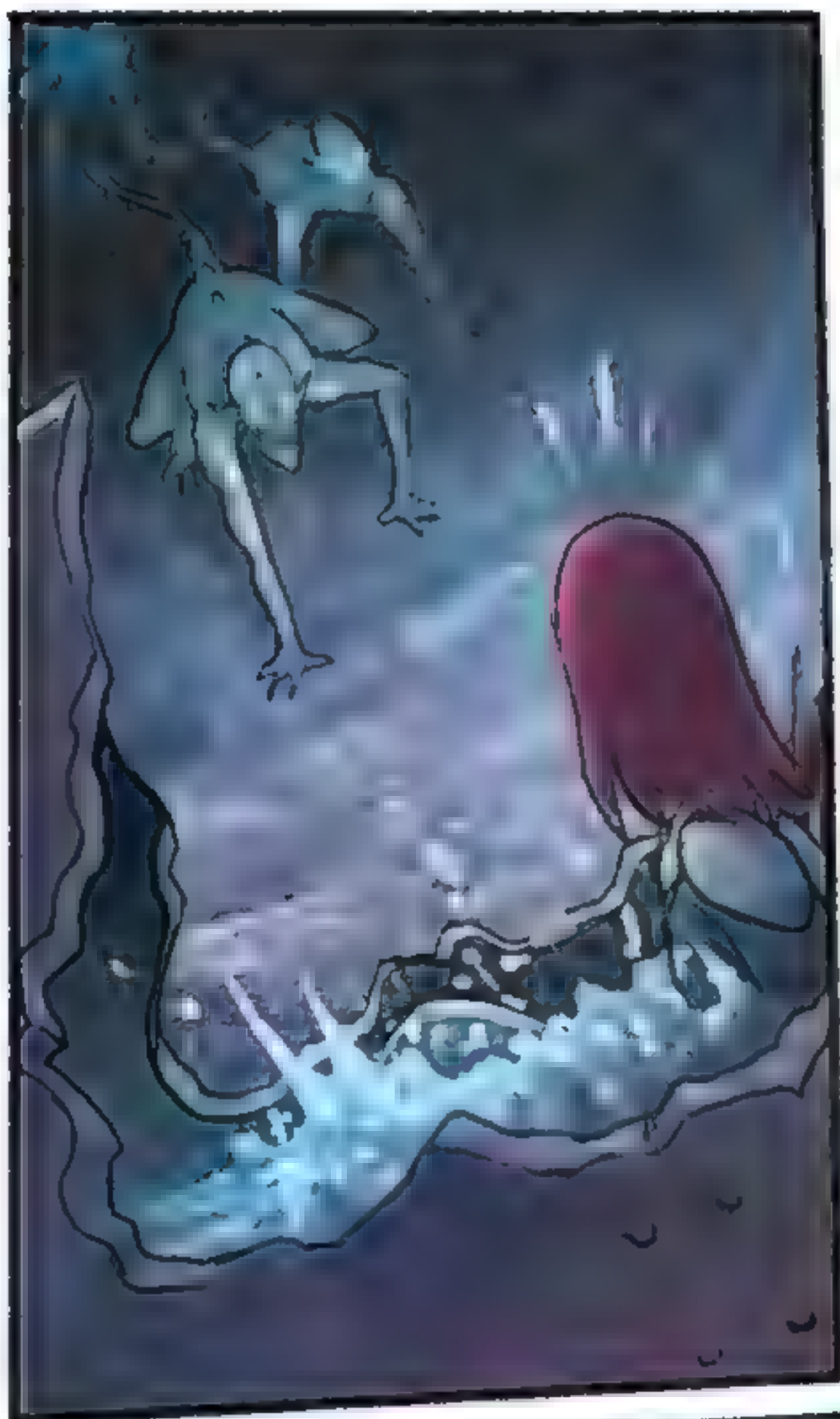


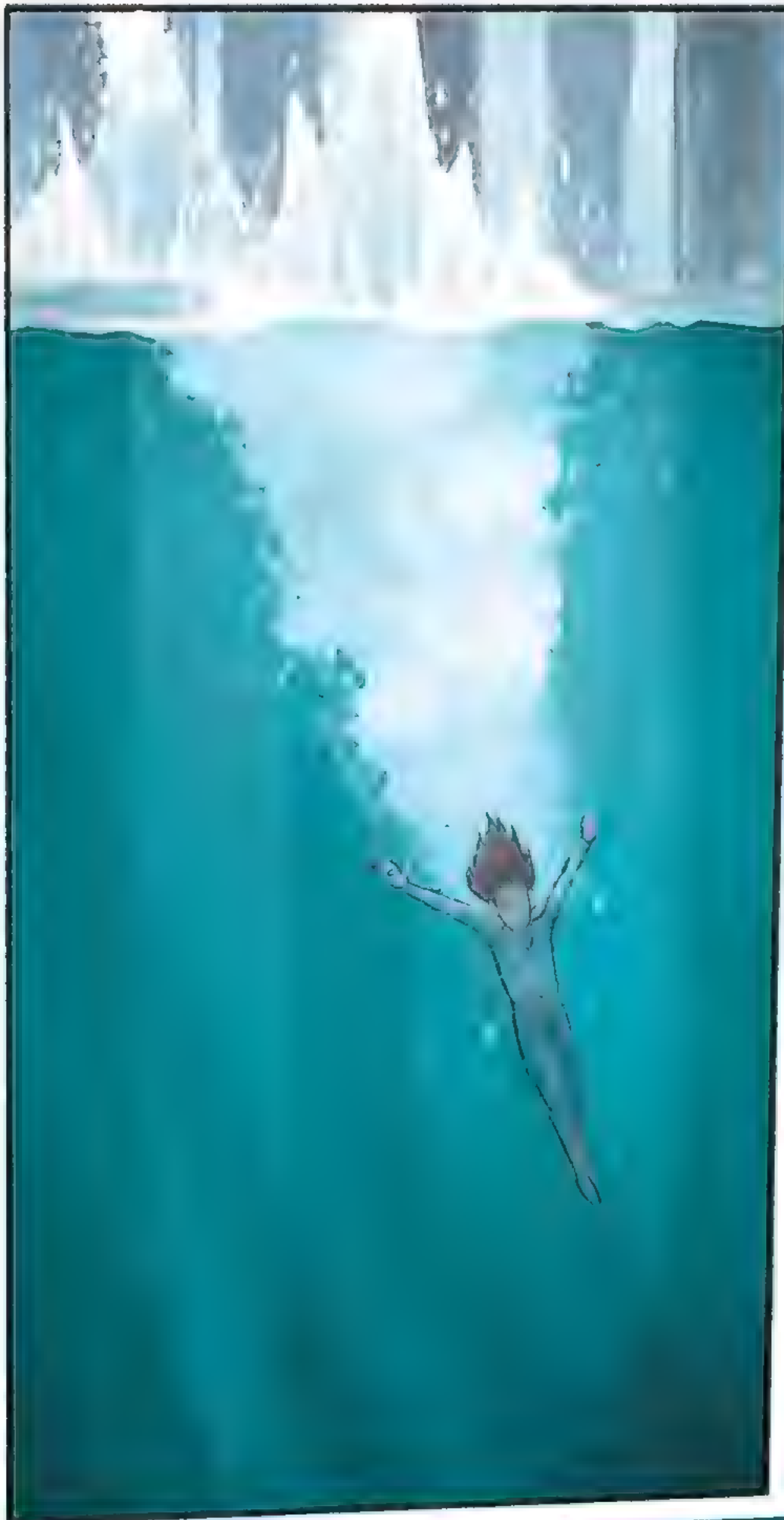


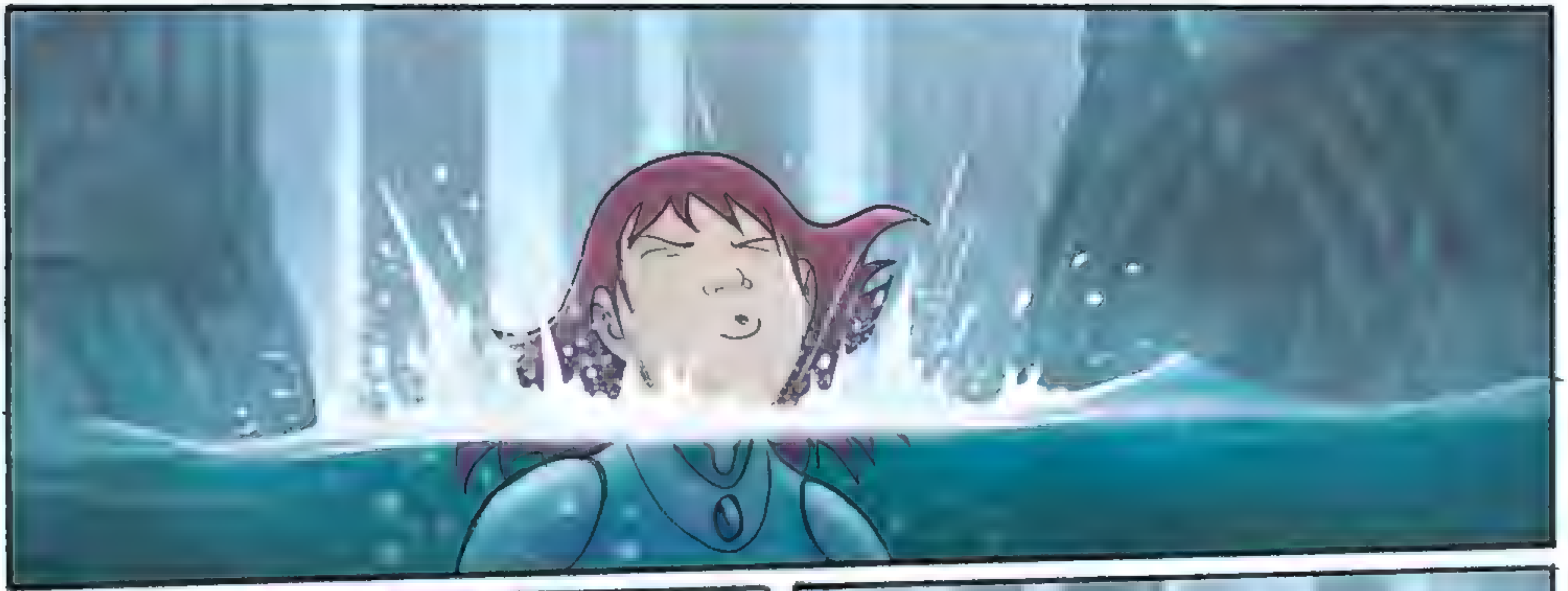














WHAT ABOUT
THE GROULS?

WHY AREN'T
THEY FOLLOWING
US DOWN HERE?



THEY CAN'T
SWIM.



WHAT NOW,
GRIFFIN?



I'LL TAKE US
TO THE EXIT.



HOW CAN
WE BE SURE
YOU'RE TELLING
THE TRUTH?



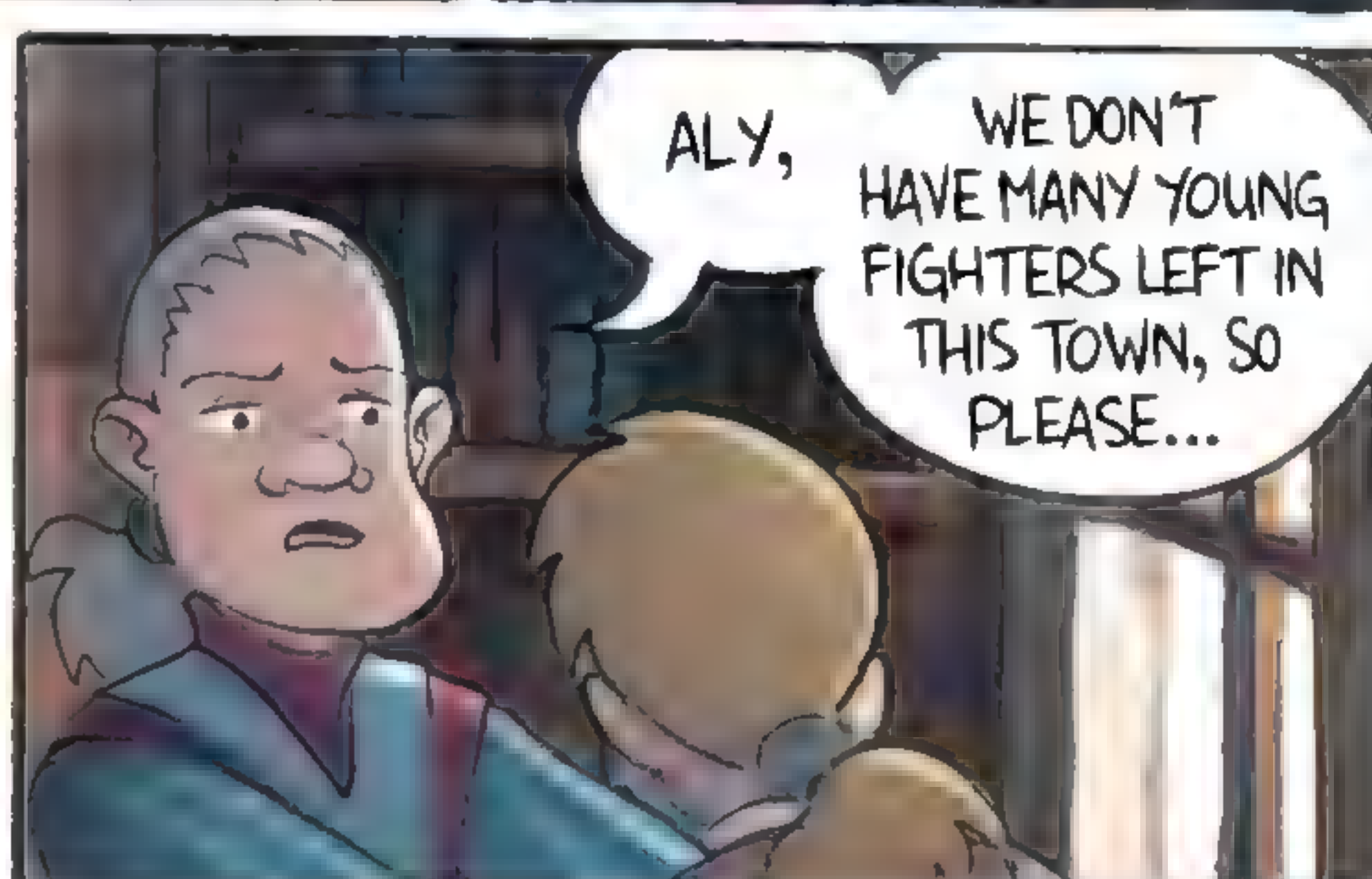
LOOK,
I'M ONLY
TRYING TO
HELP.



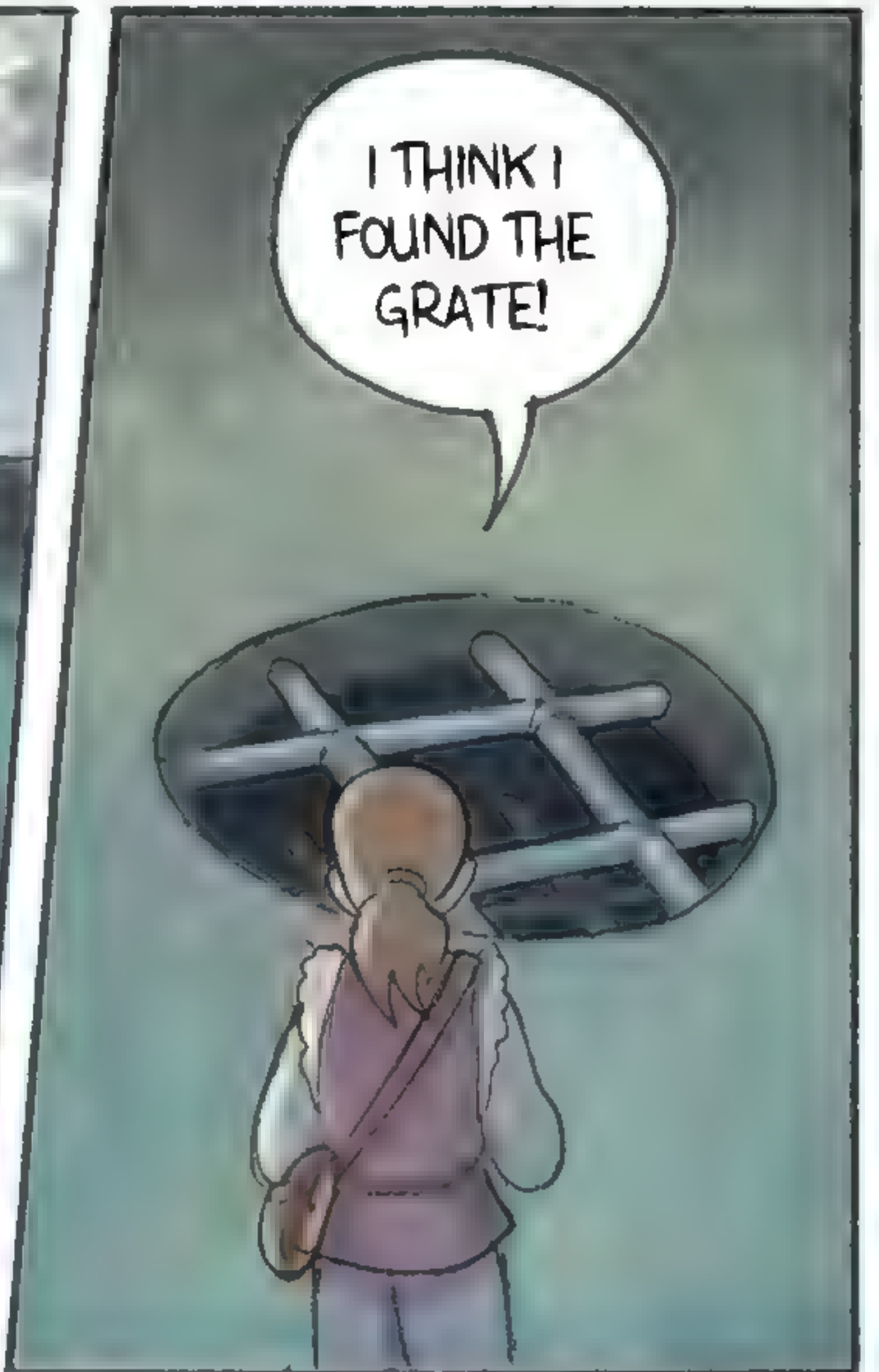
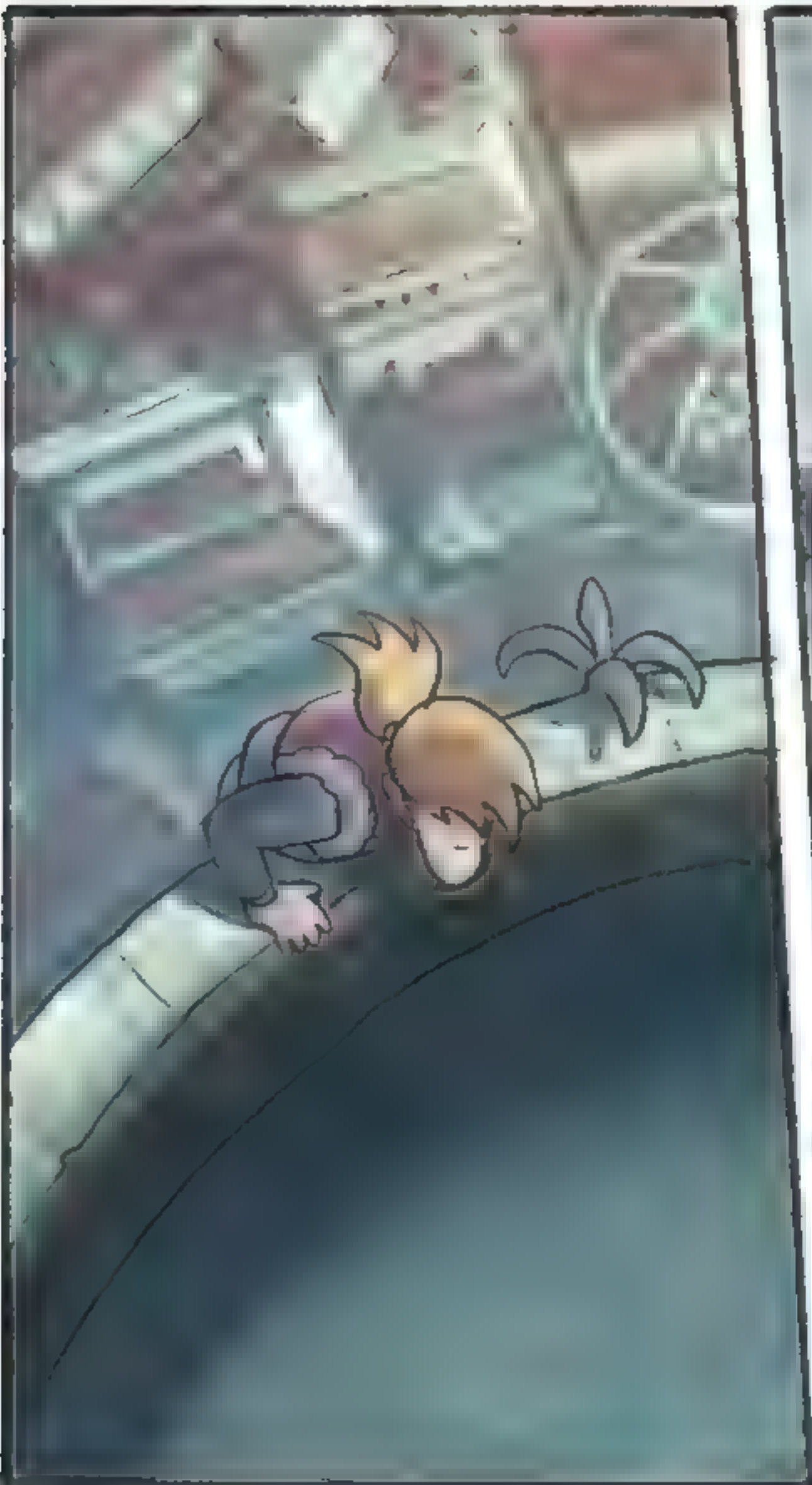
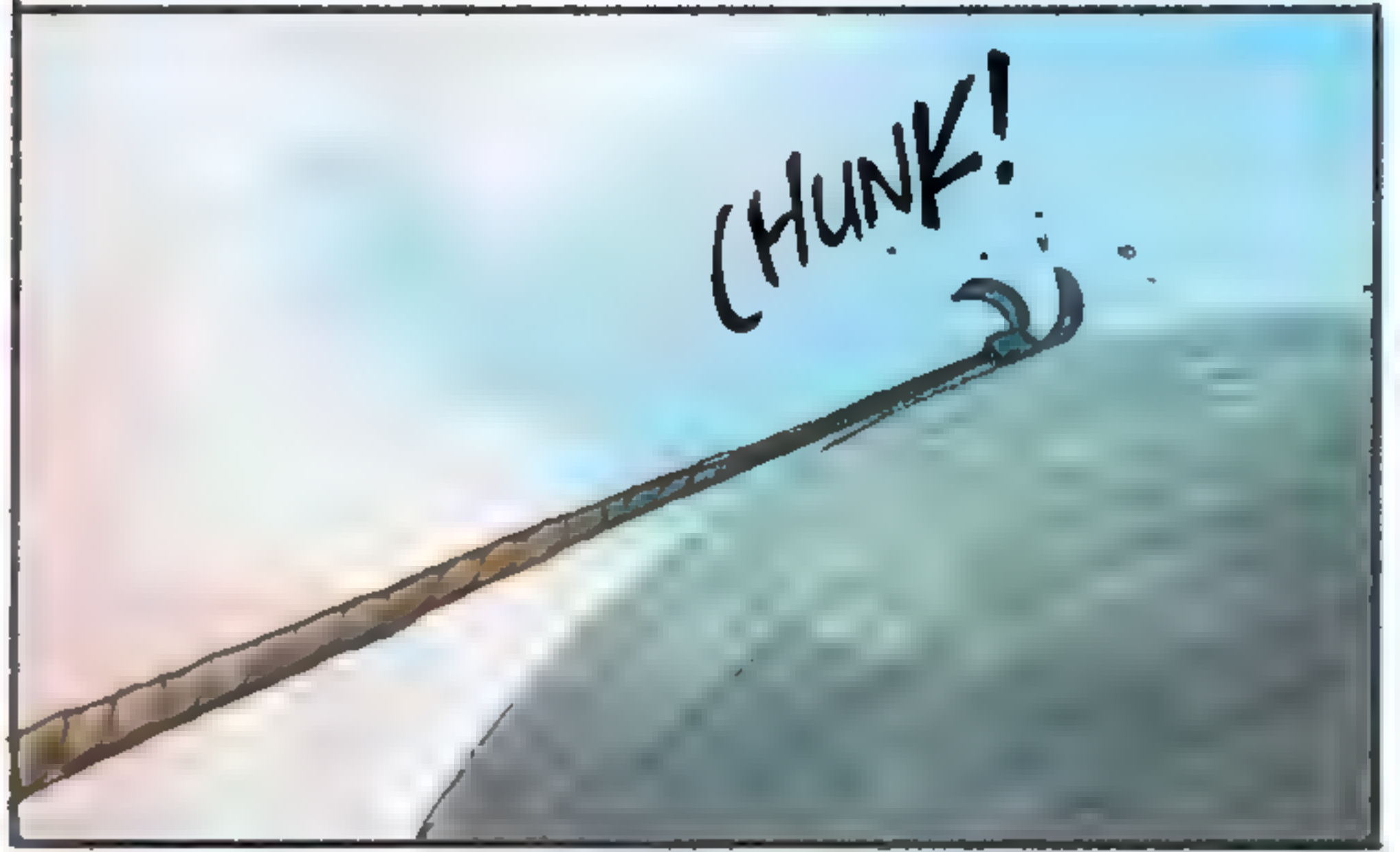
YOU CAN
FOLLOW MY
LEAD, OR GO
ALONE.

THE
CHOICE IS
YOURS.













ALY?



MR. PETERS?

ALY, IT IS YOU!



I -- I DON'T KNOW WHY I WAS PUT IN HERE!

I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG!

DON'T WORRY.

WE'LL GET YOU OUT.



BUT WE NEED TO FIND SOME FRIENDS WHO CAN HELP US.

HAVE YOU SEEN ANY ELVES BEING BROUGHT IN HERE?



I HEARD ABOUT TWO ELVES BEING HELD IN CELL BLOCK FOUR.

BUT, ALY, WHY ARE YOU DEALING WITH ELVES?



LET'S GO.

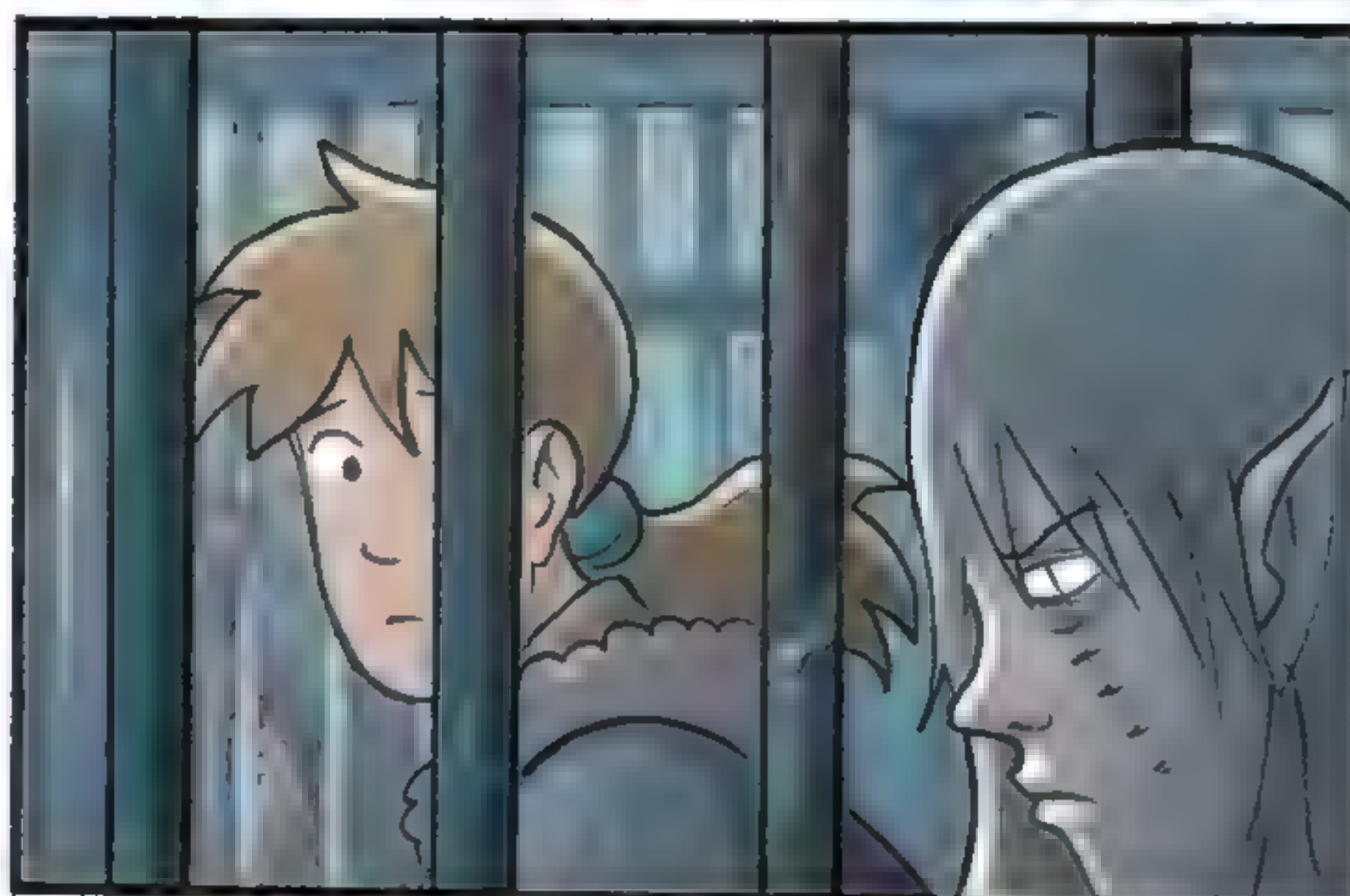
AND WHO IS THIS HALF-BREED?!



ALY!

YOU MUSTN'T TRUST THEM!

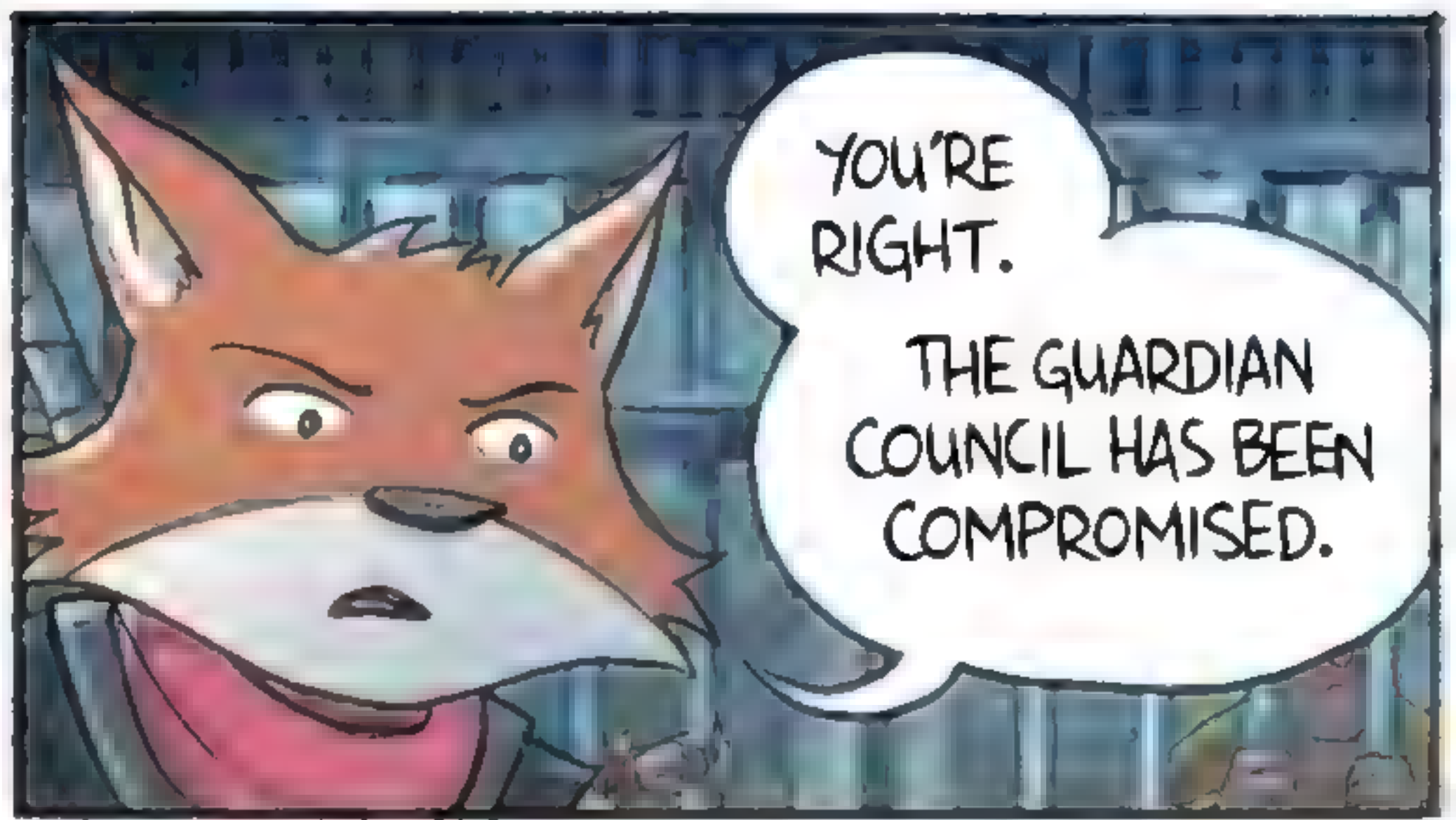
TRUST NO ONE!!





THIS CITY IS AS
CORRUPT AS MY
HOMELAND.

IF THIS WAS
YOUR LAST HOPE,
I'D SAY WE'RE ALL
IN DEEP TROUBLE.



YOU'RE
RIGHT.

THE GUARDIAN
COUNCIL HAS BEEN
COMPROMISED.



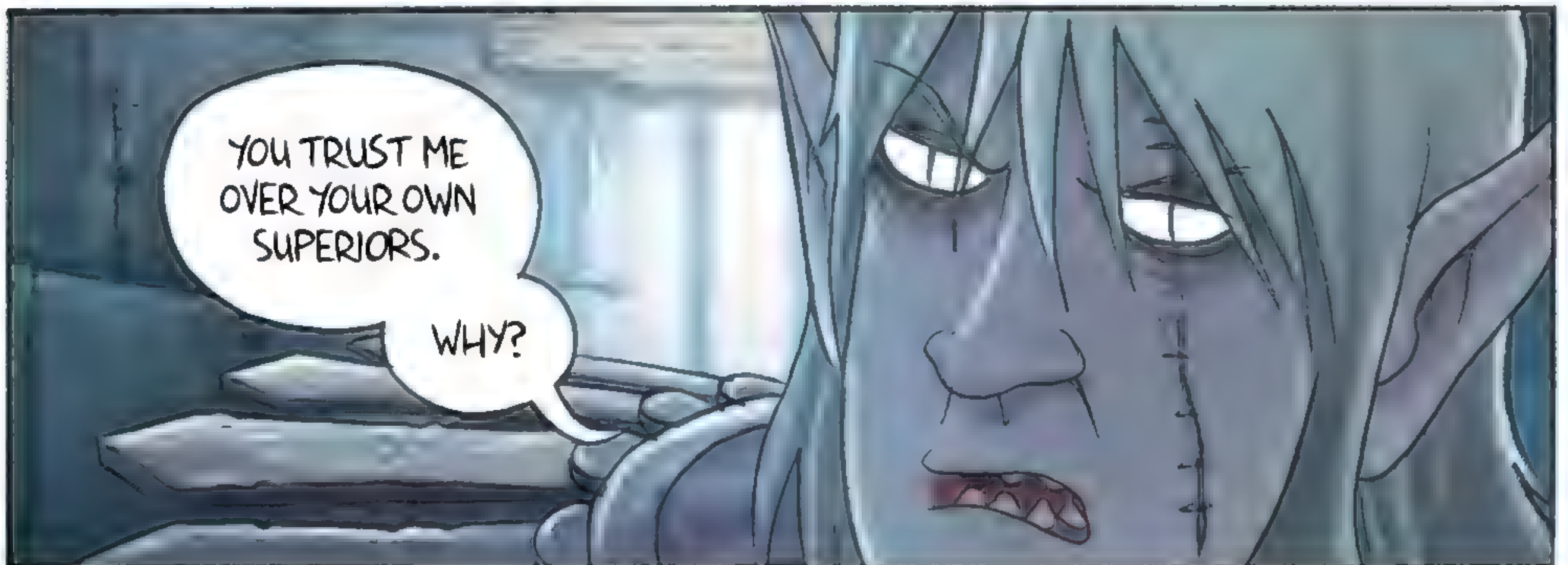
IN ORDER
TO SET THINGS
RIGHT, I WILL
NEED YOUR
HELP.



HOLD
STILL.

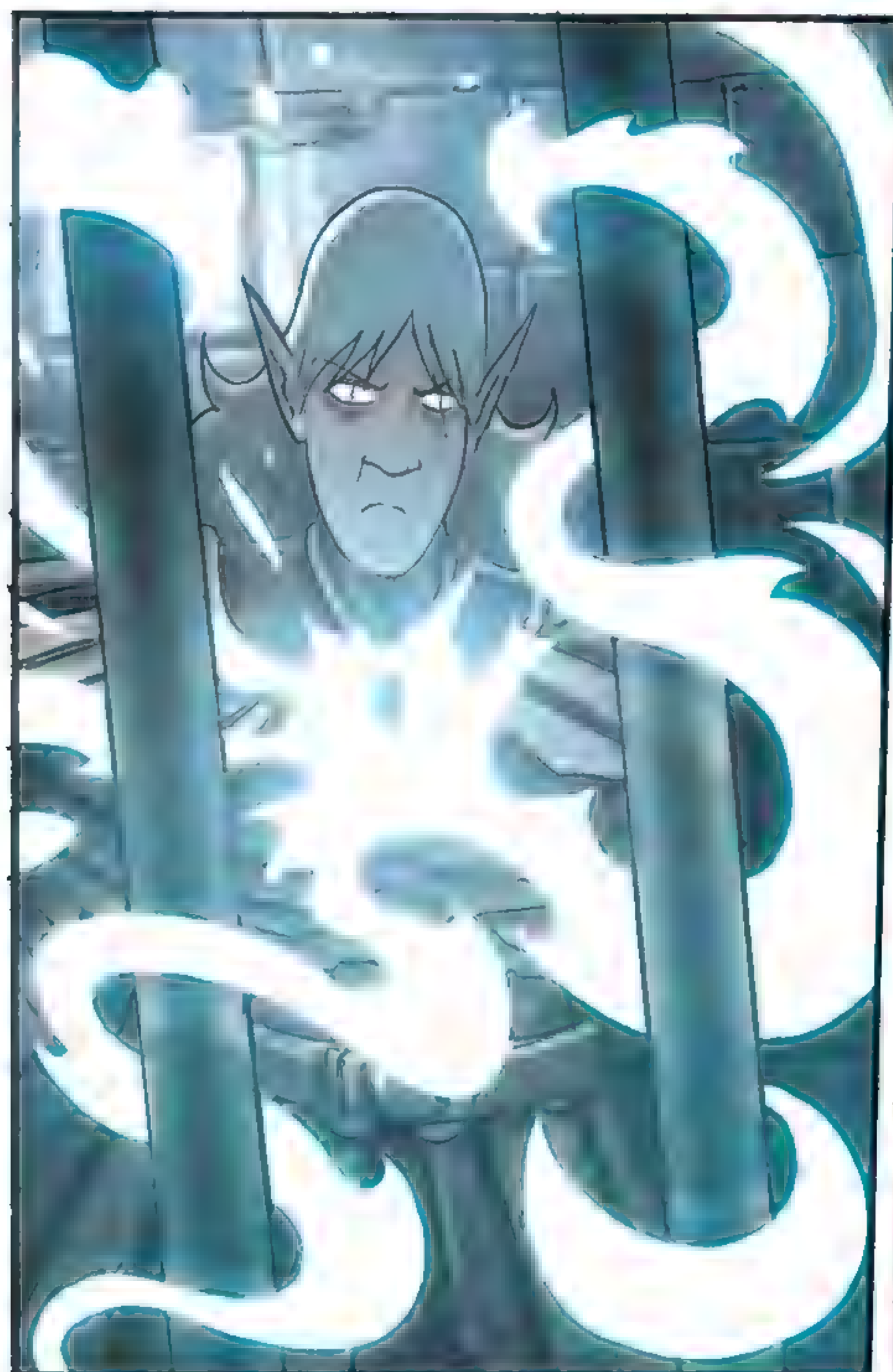


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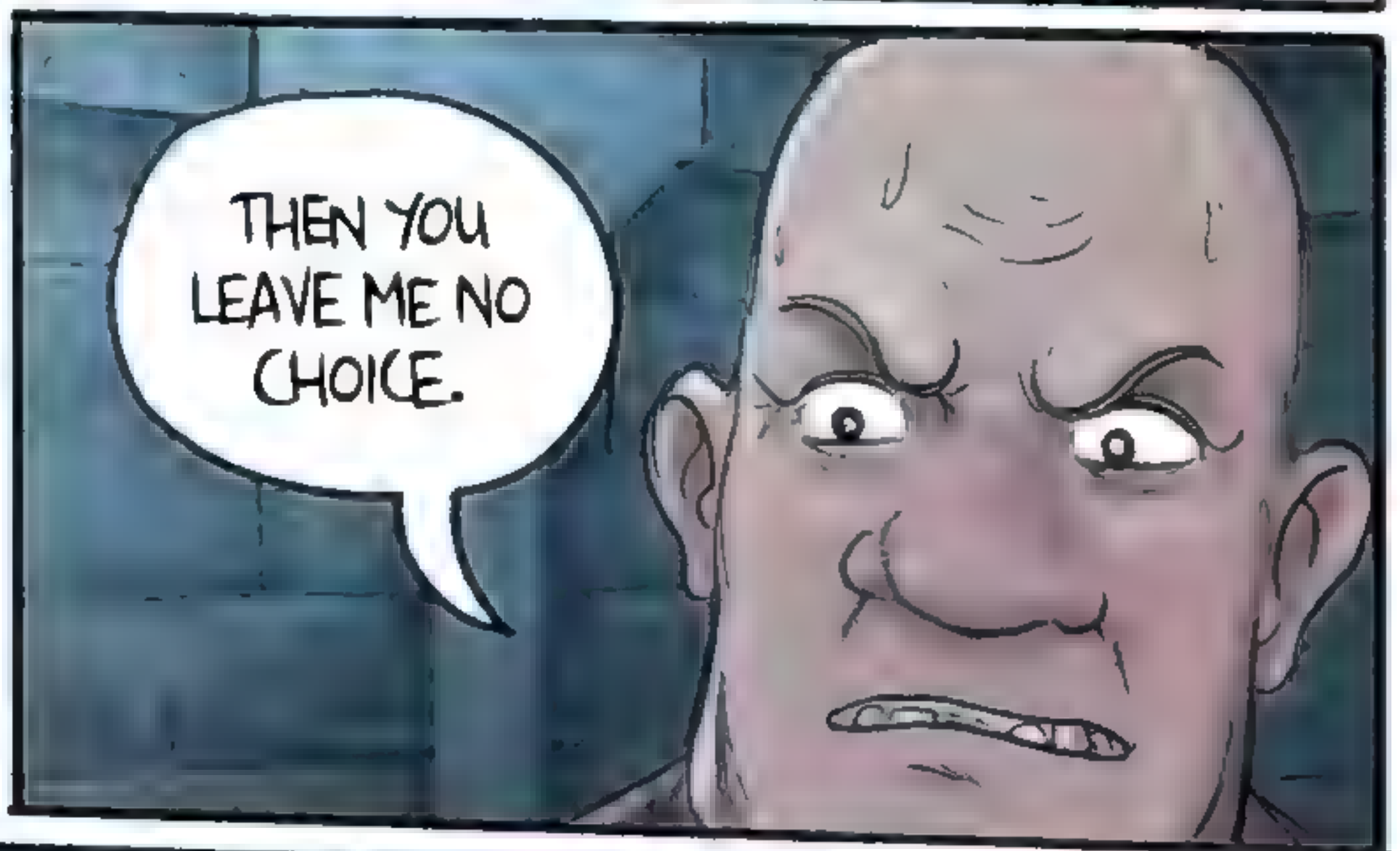
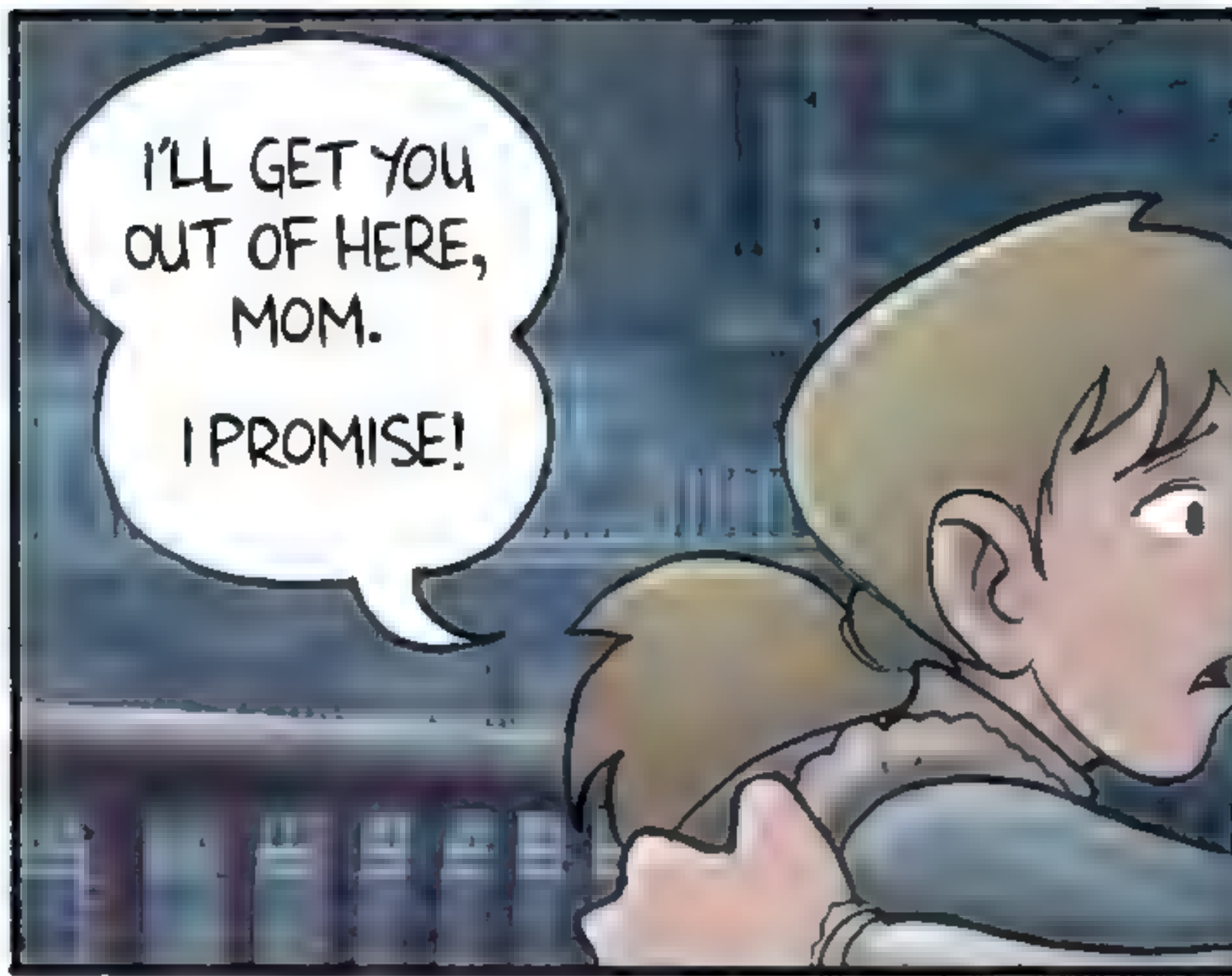


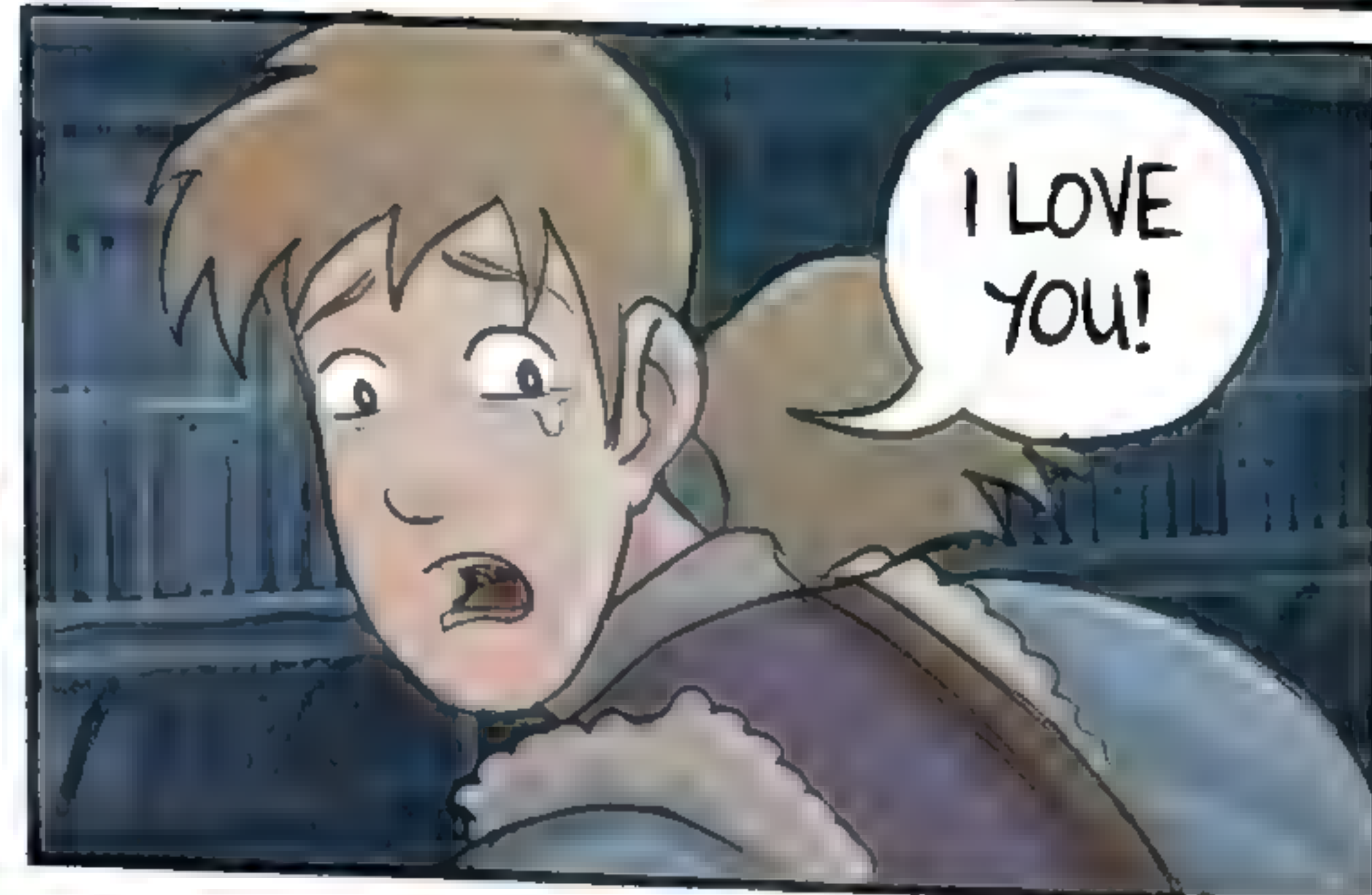
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OVER YOUR OWN
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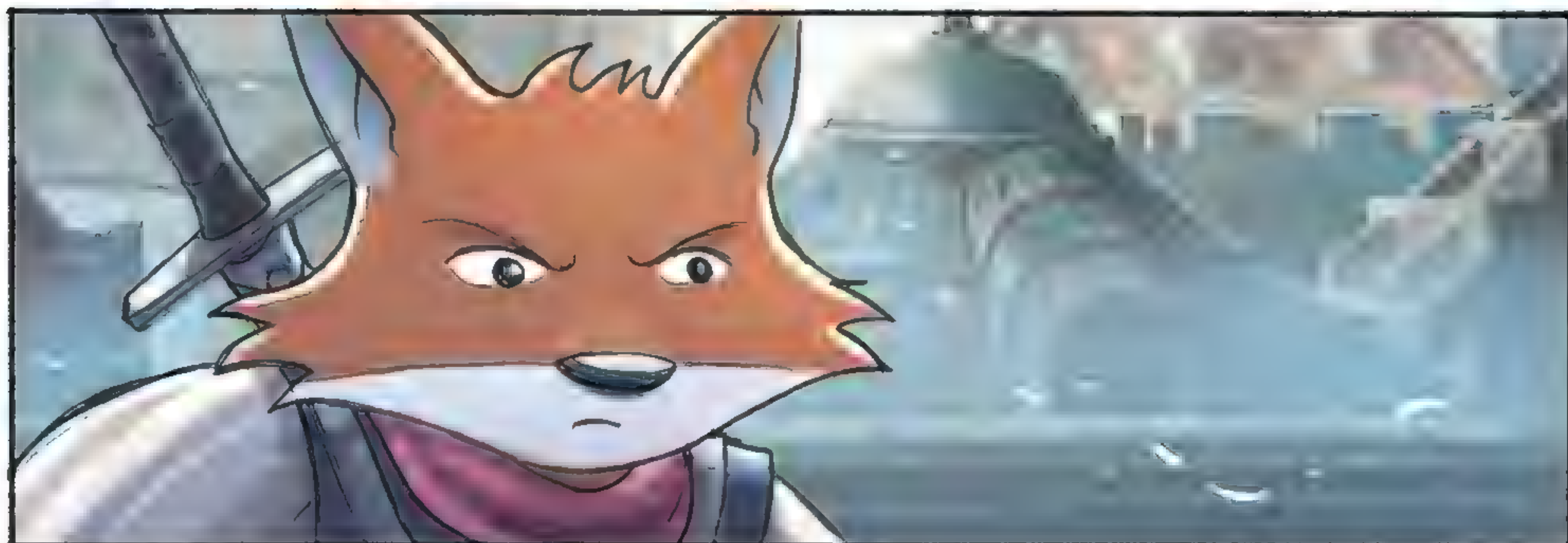
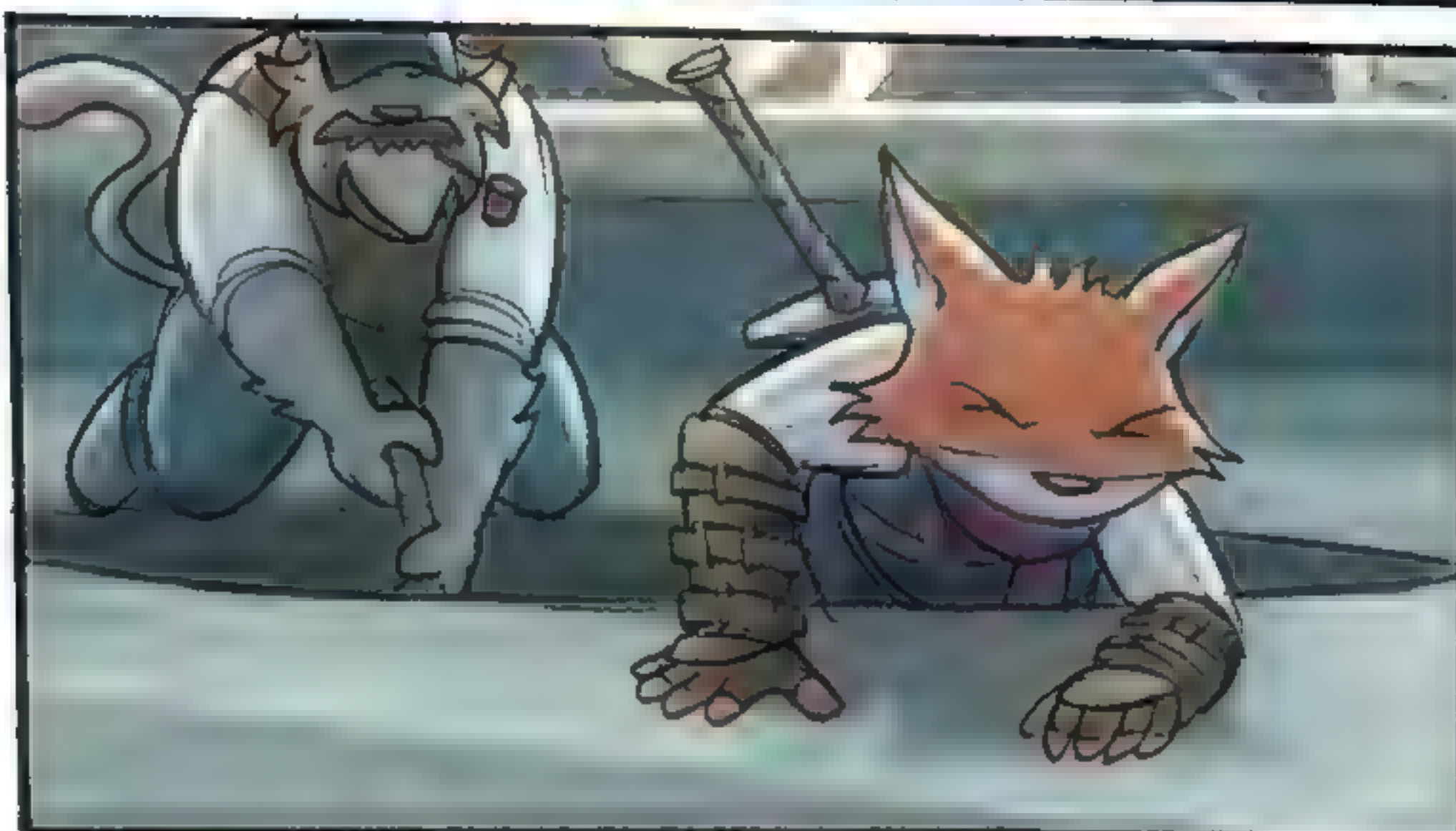
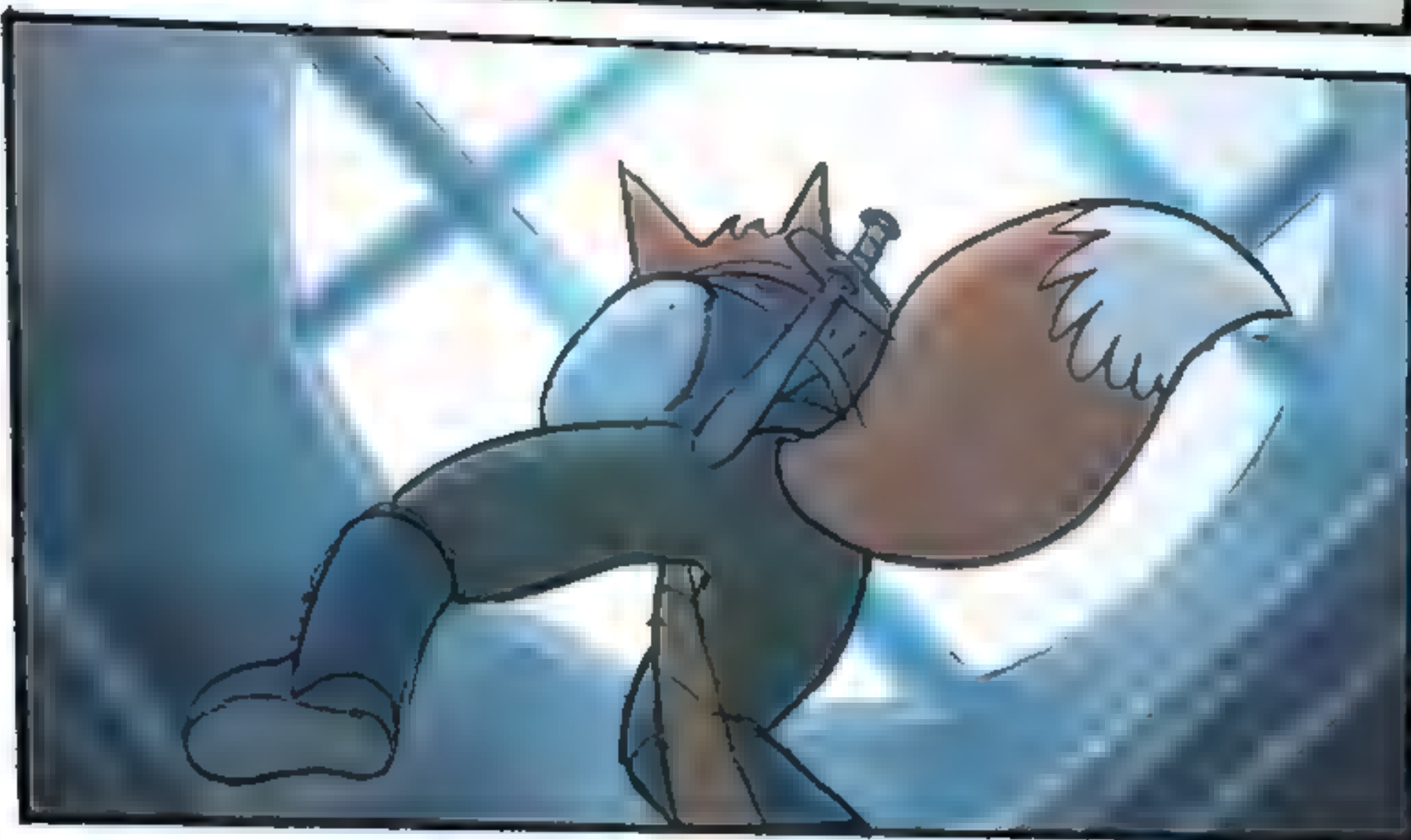
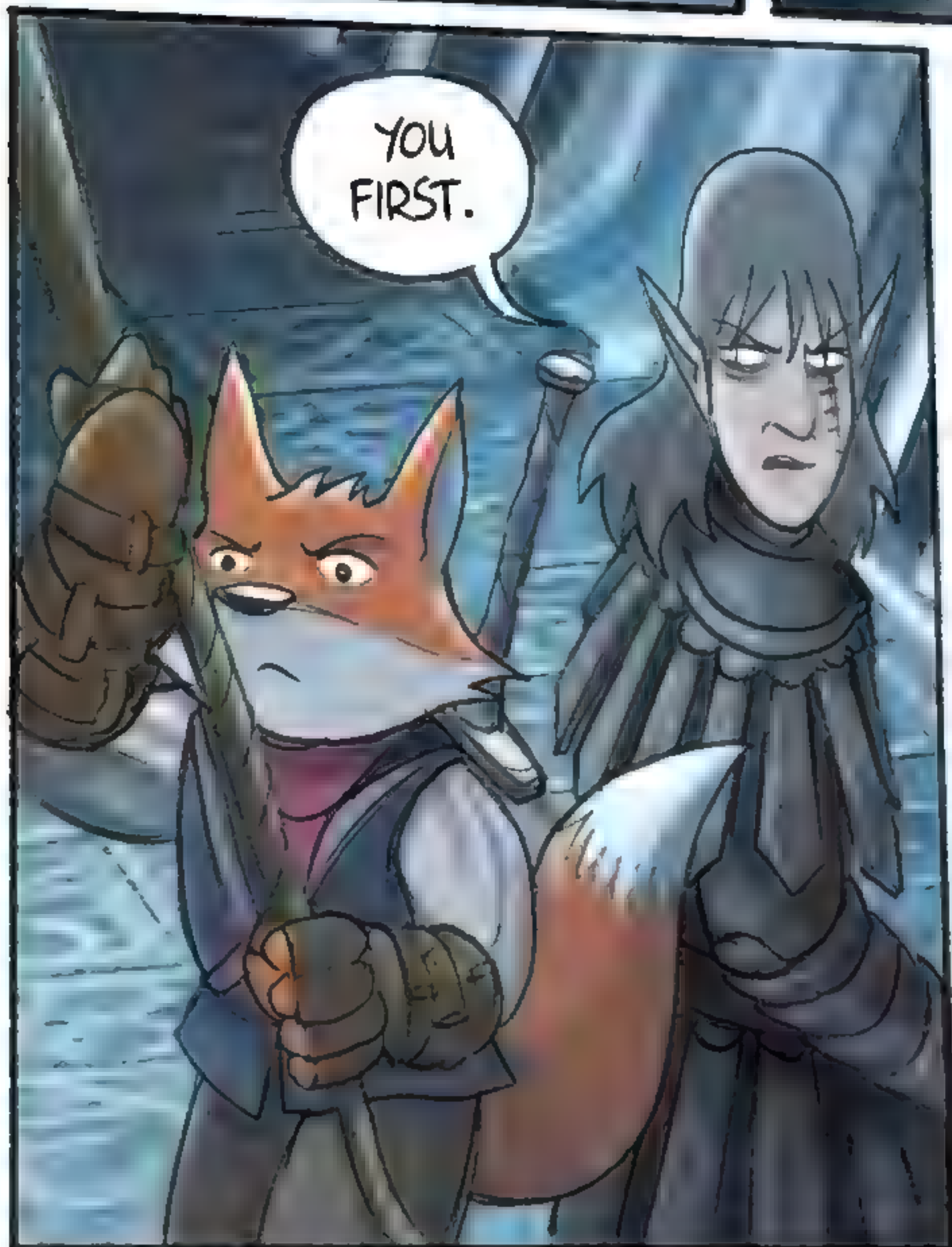
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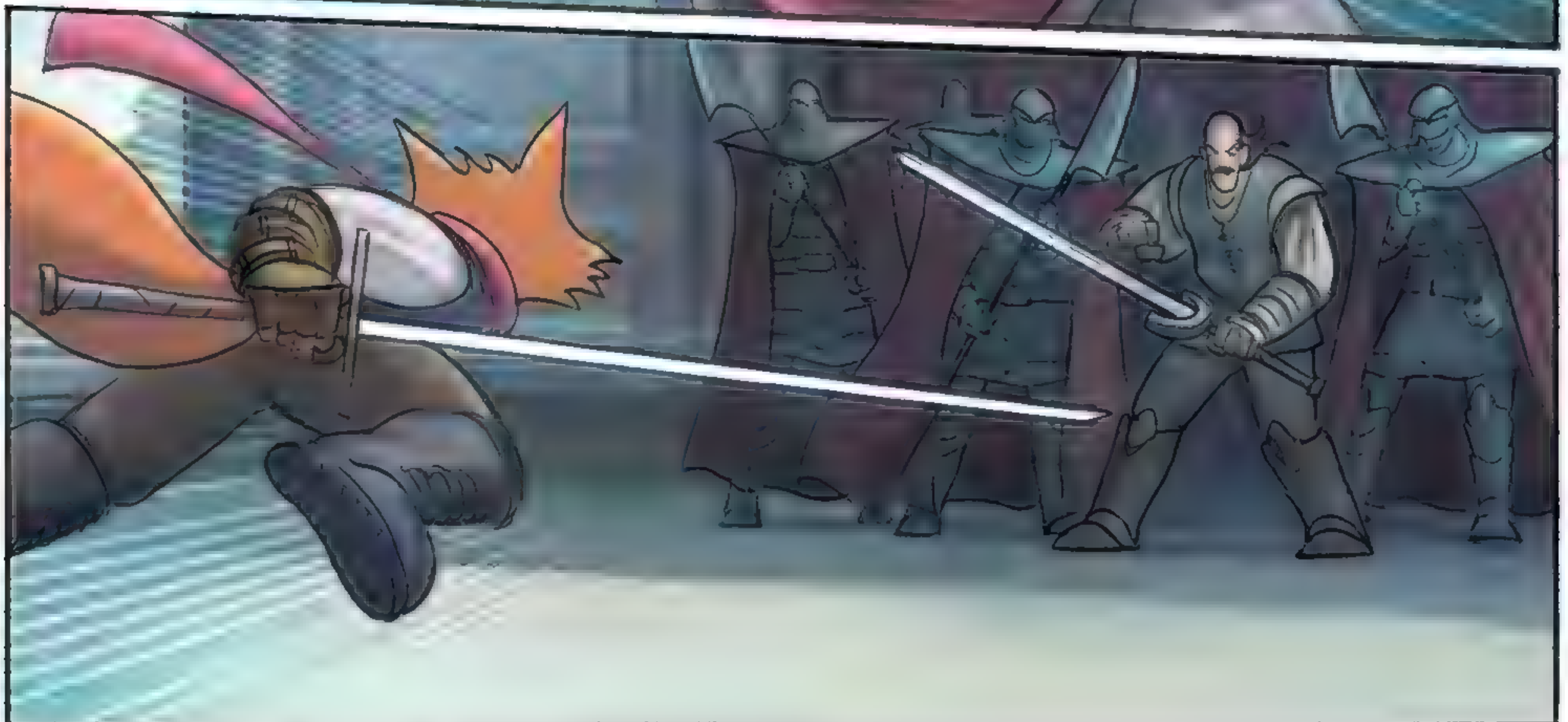


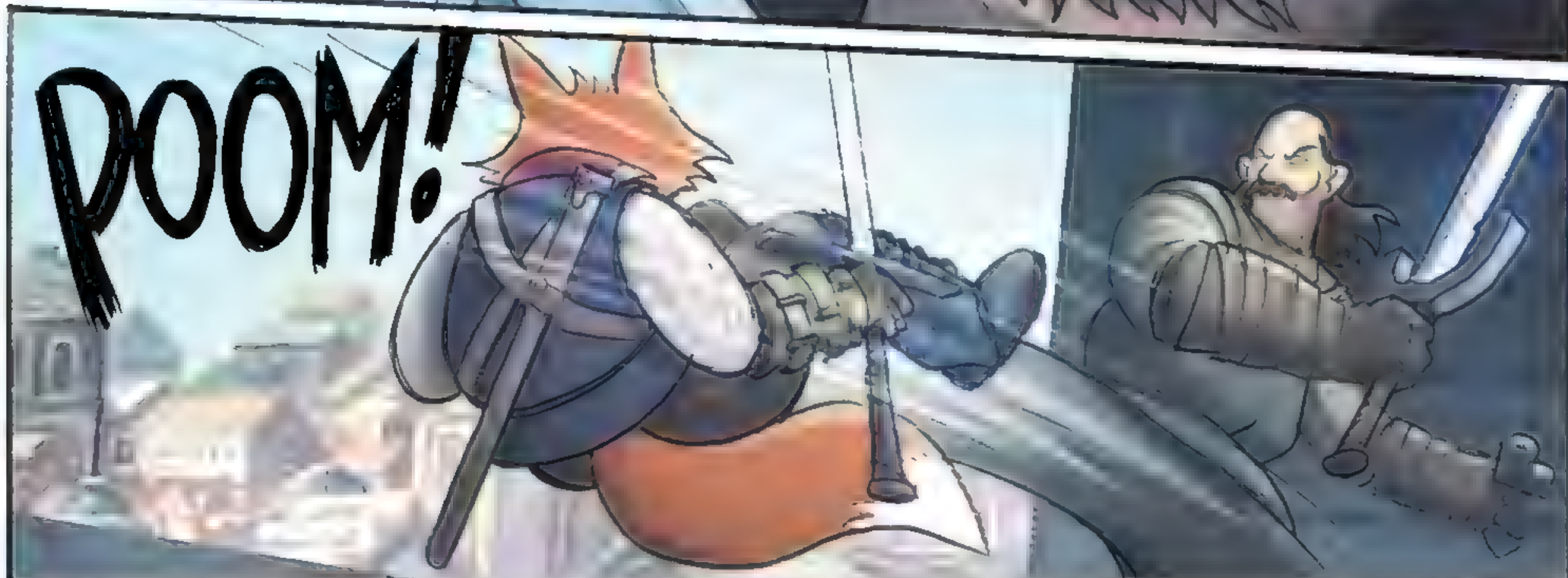
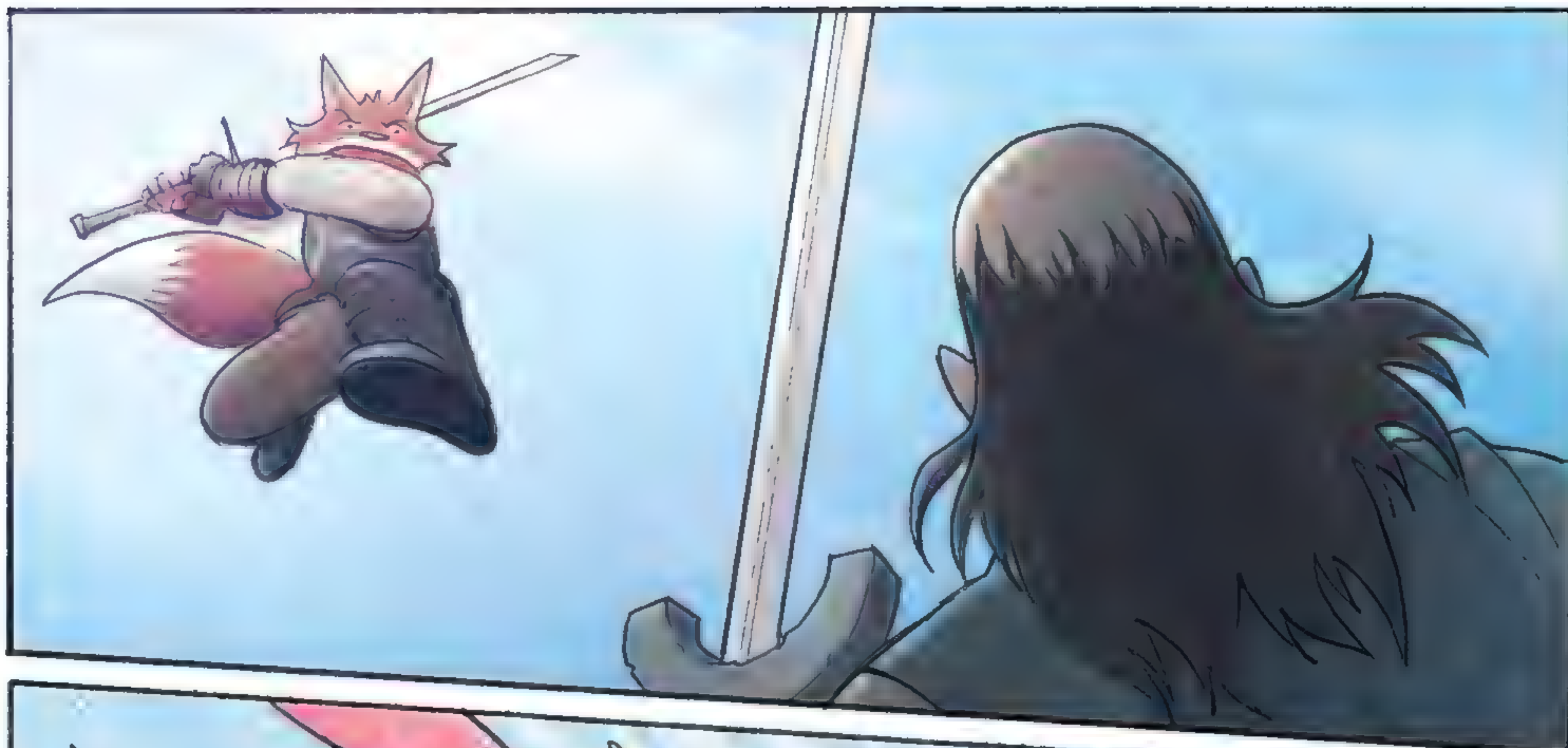


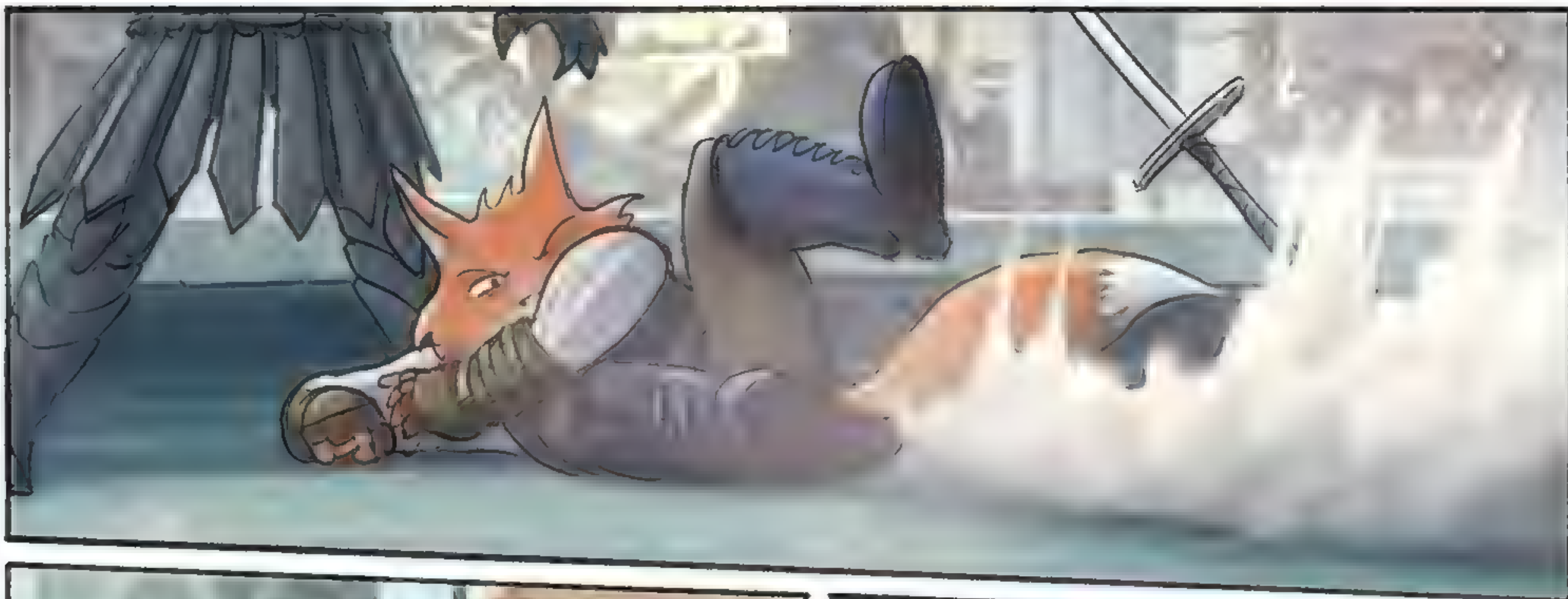


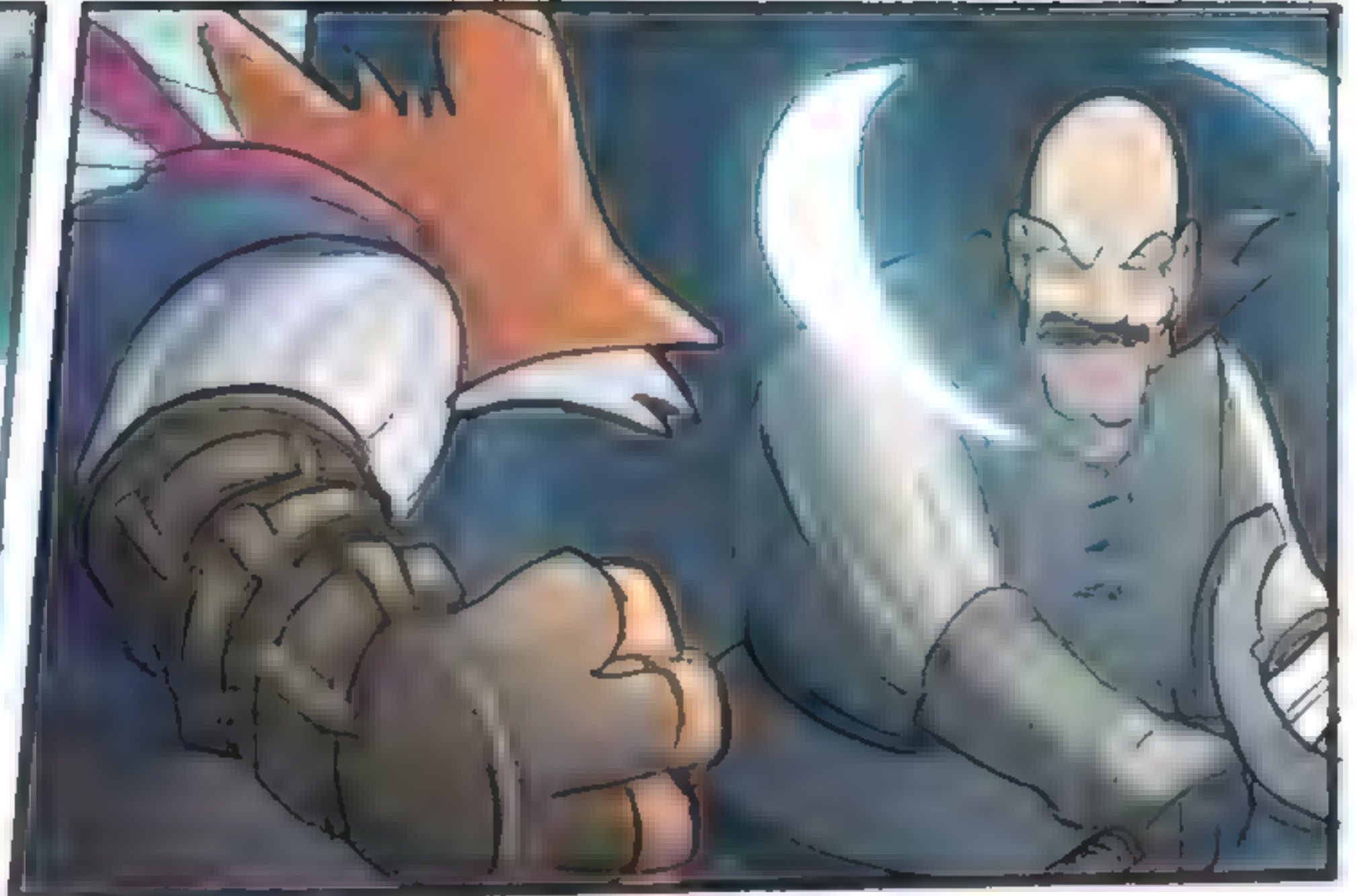




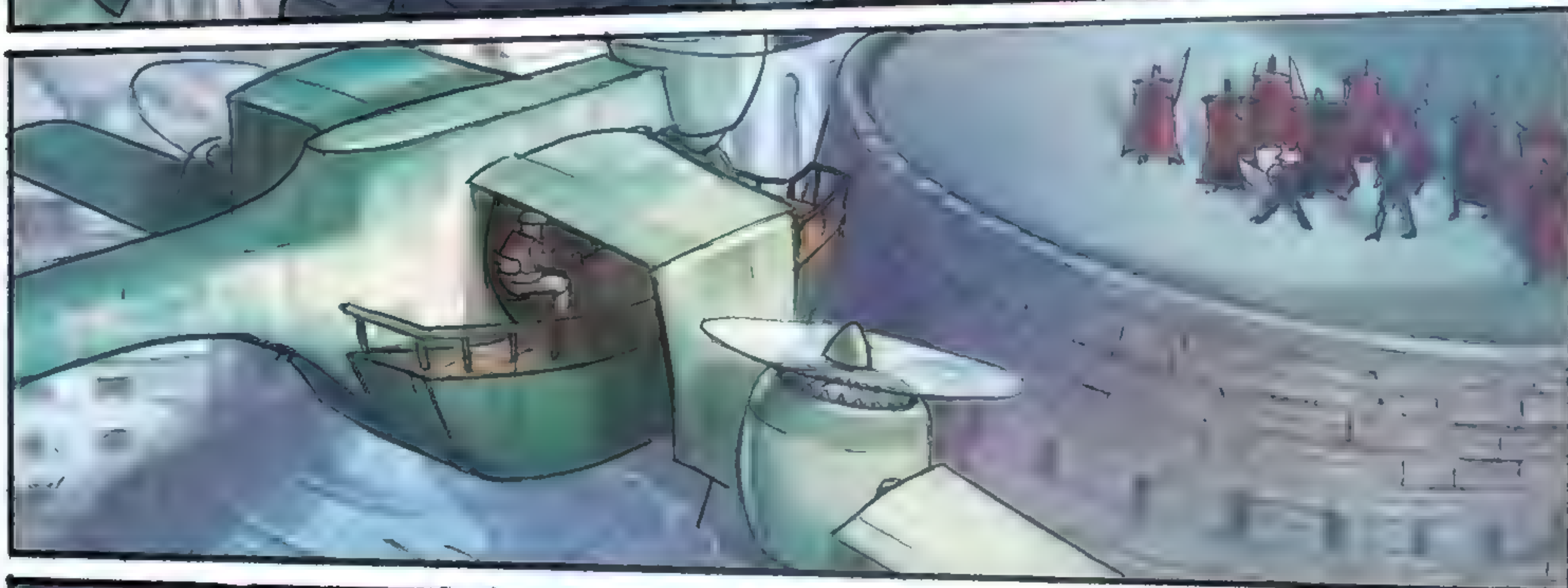






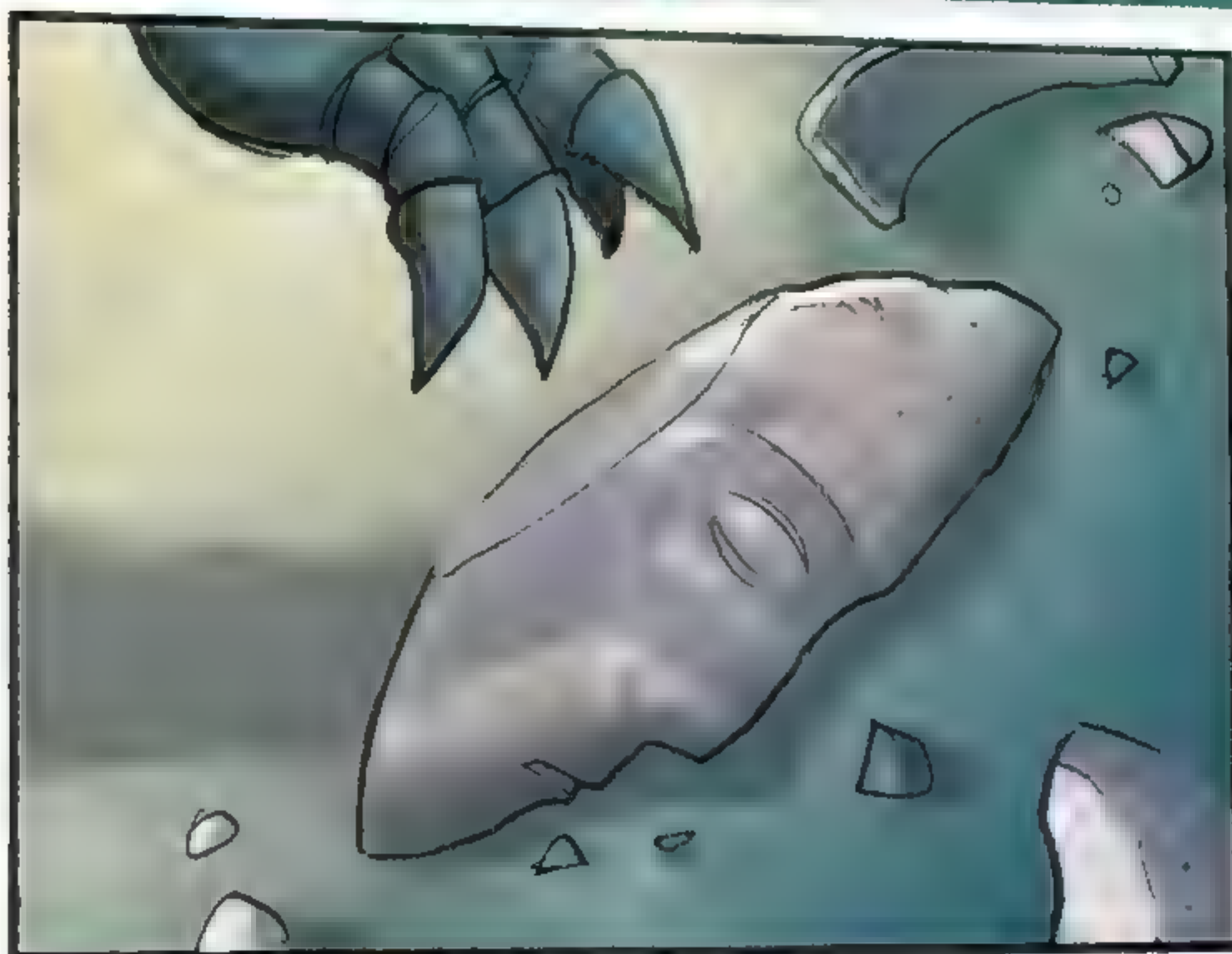
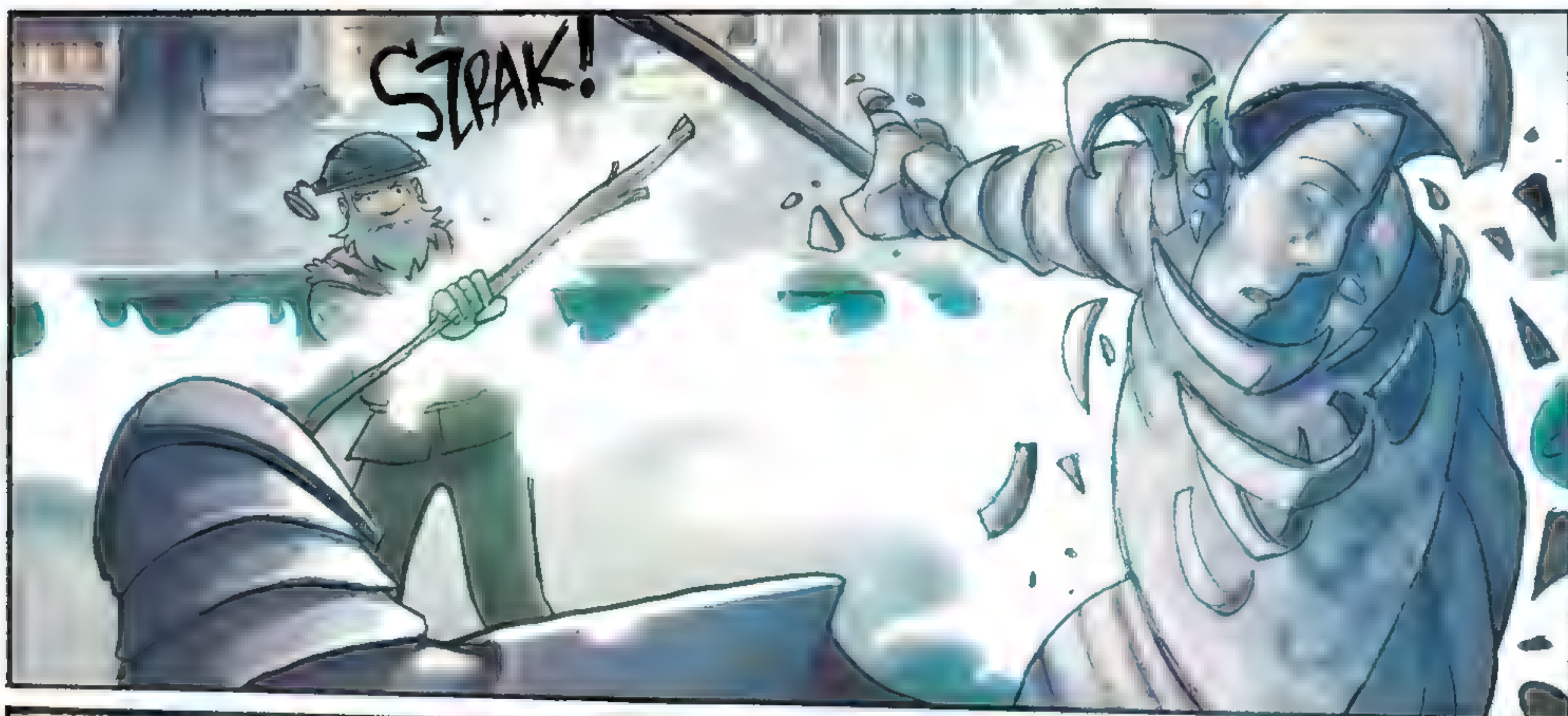


















CECIL,
WHY DO THE
STATUES TAKE
THE FORM OF
THE DECEASED?



THE POWER TO
RE-ANIMATE IS ONE
OF THE DARKEST
FORMS OF MAGIC
THERE IS.

A LARGE AMOUNT
OF NEGATIVE ENERGY
IS REQUIRED TO KEEP
THE ILLUSION ALIVE.



THE IMAGE OF DEATH
TRIGGERS THE
DARKEST THOUGHTS IN
A PERSON'S MIND, AND
THE ILLUSION CAN FEED
OFF THE FEAR AND
SADNESS CREATED.

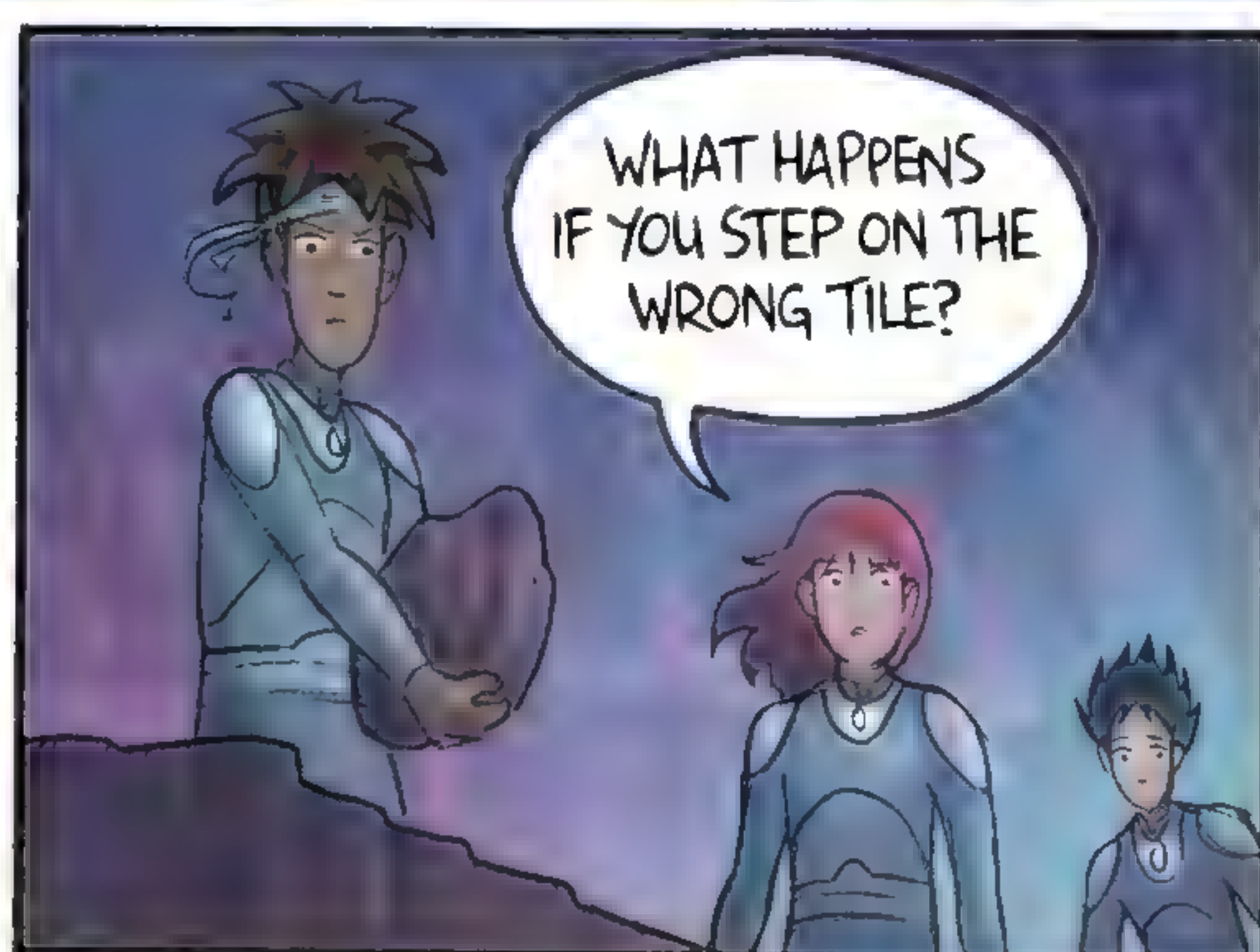
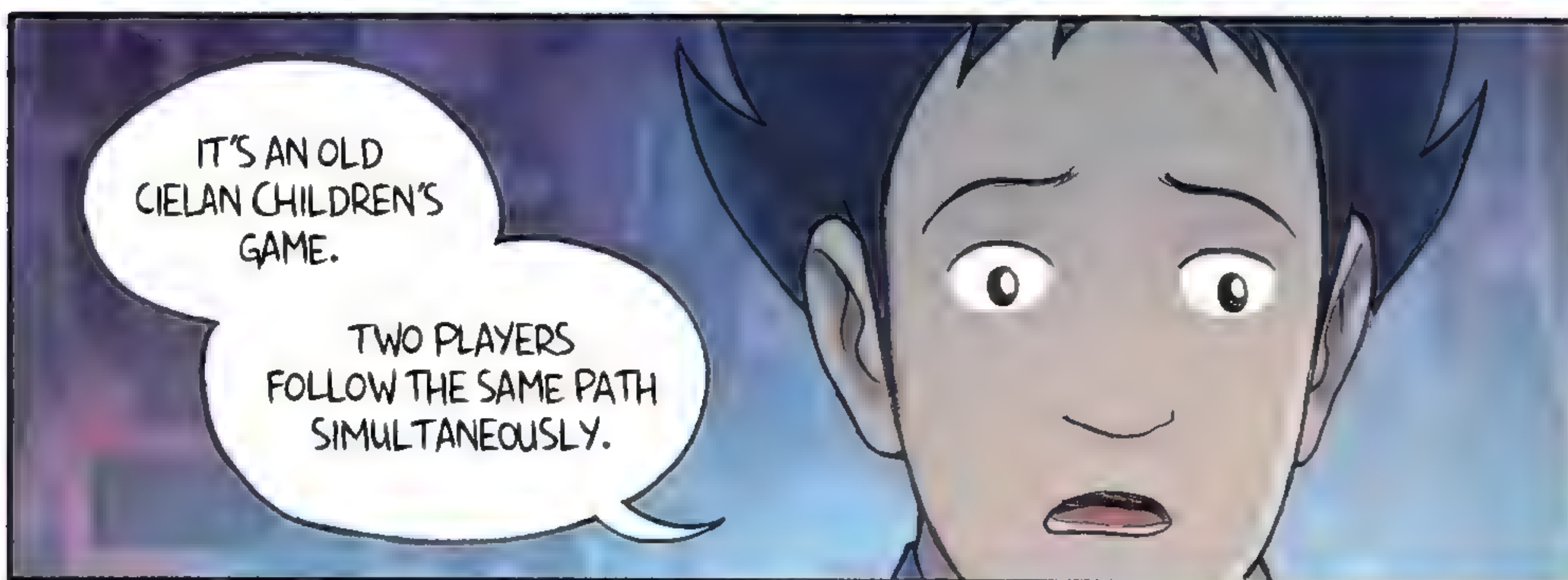
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ARE STRONGER.

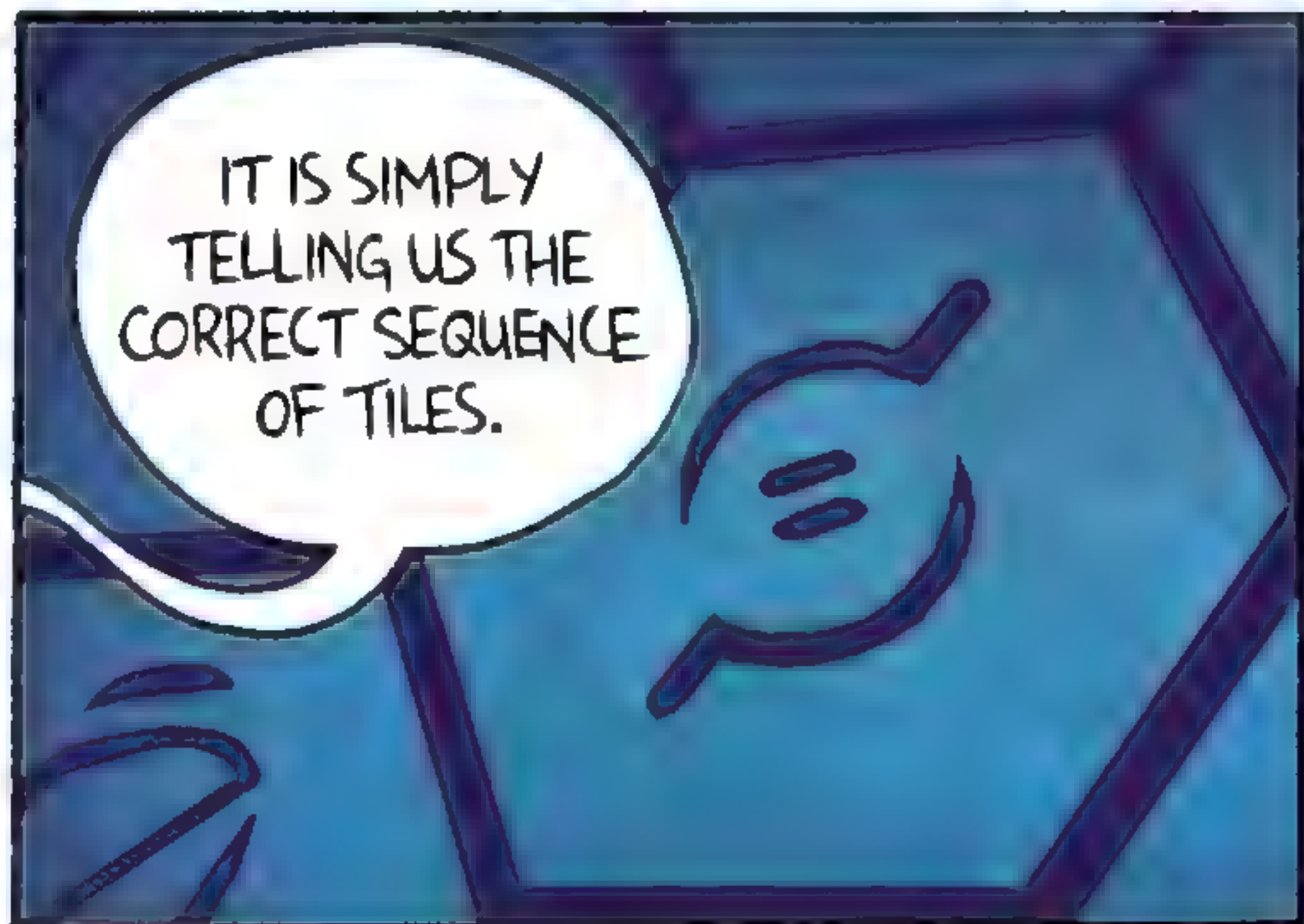
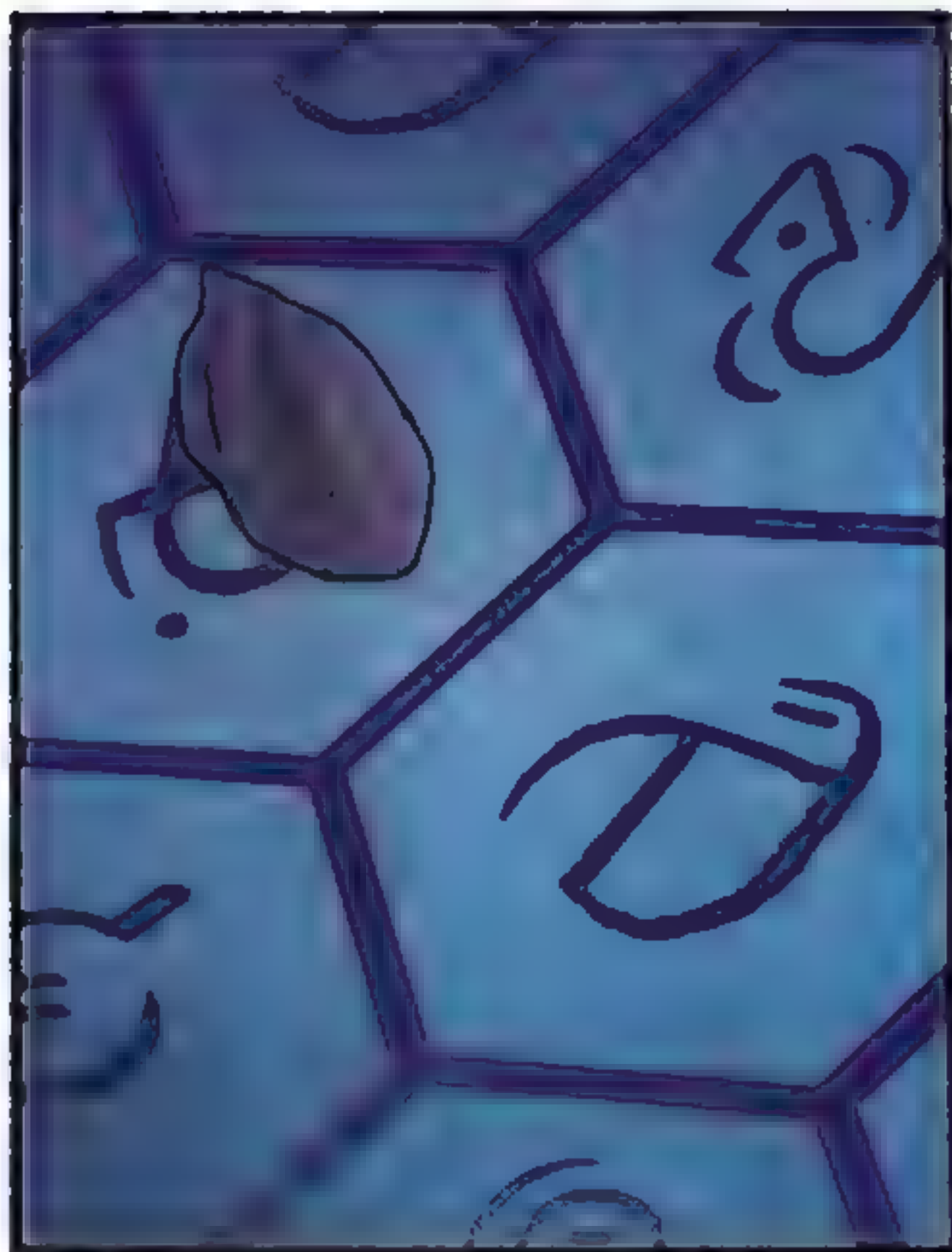


THEN WHOEVER
IS CREATING THESE
ILLUSIONS MUST NOT
CARE VERY MUCH
ABOUT OTHER
PEOPLE.

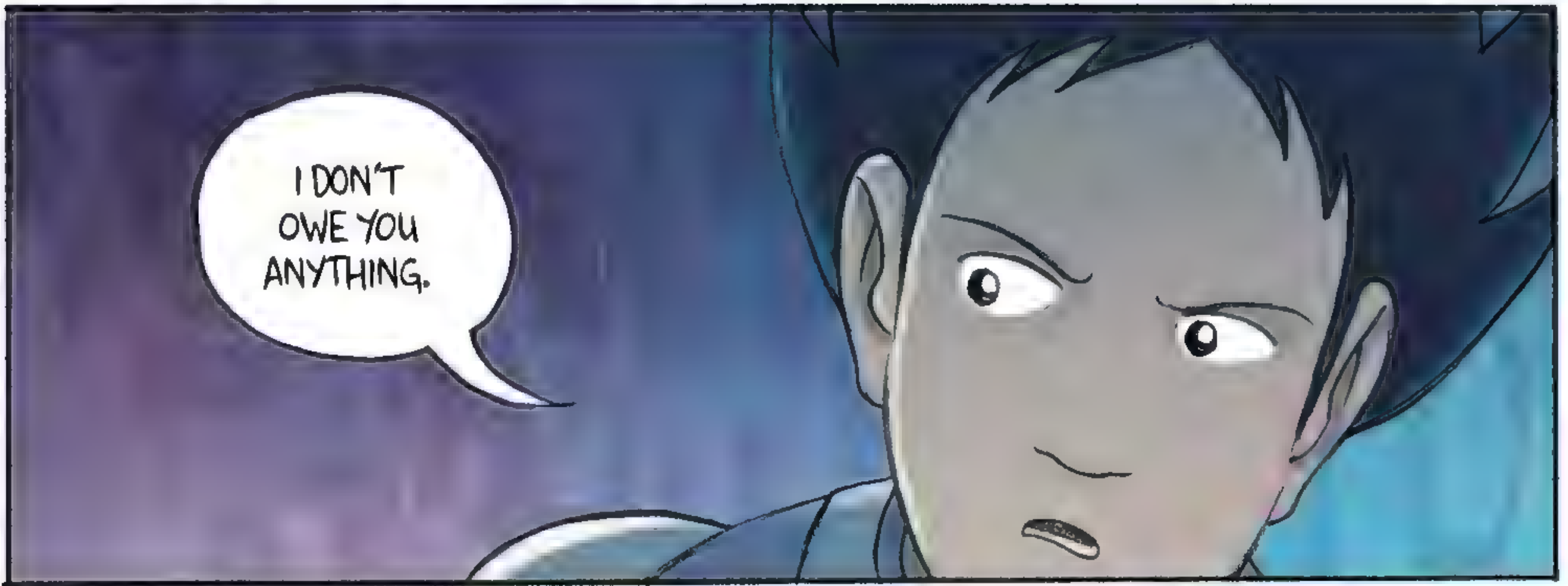
UNFORTUNATELY,
THAT IS THE MARK OF
MANY POWERFUL
STONEKEEPERS.

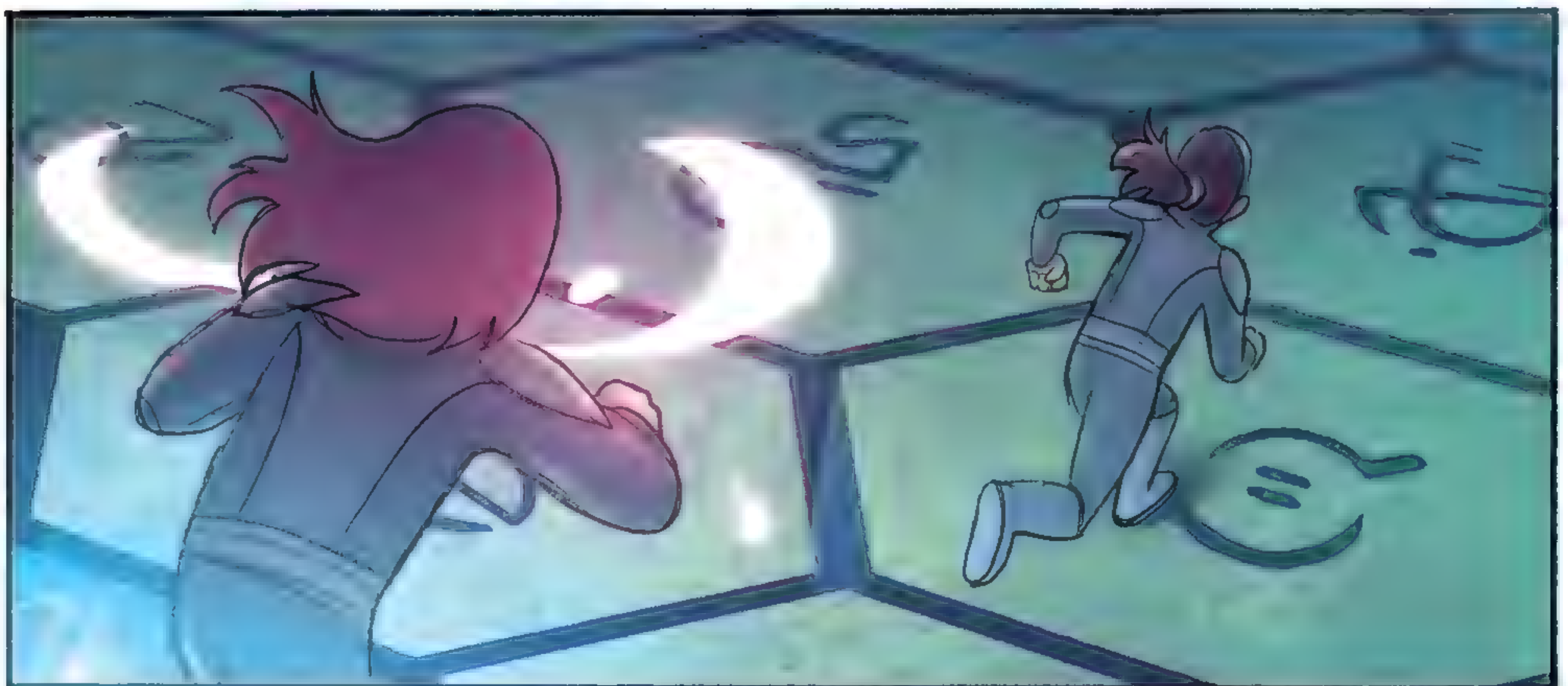
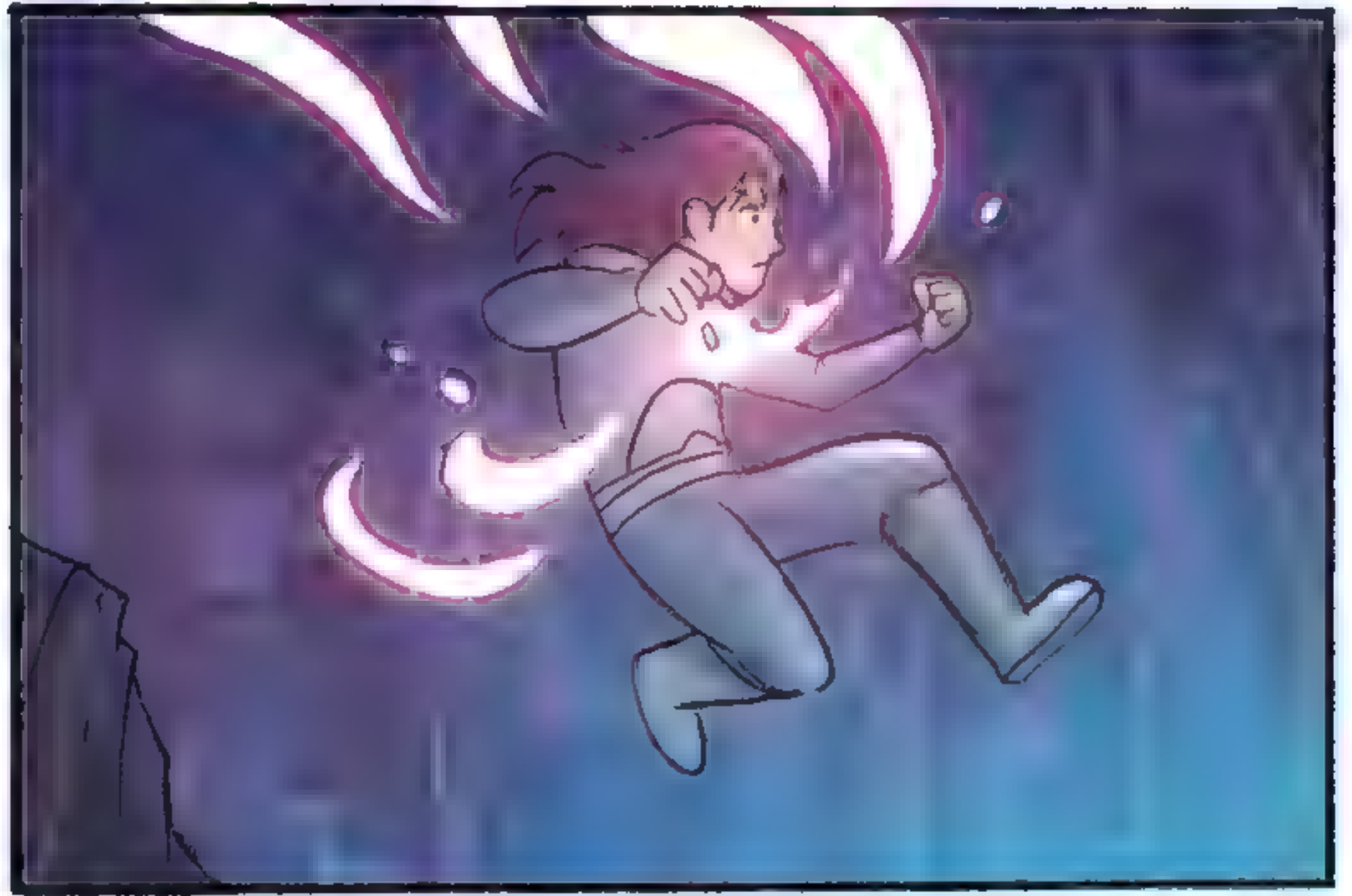
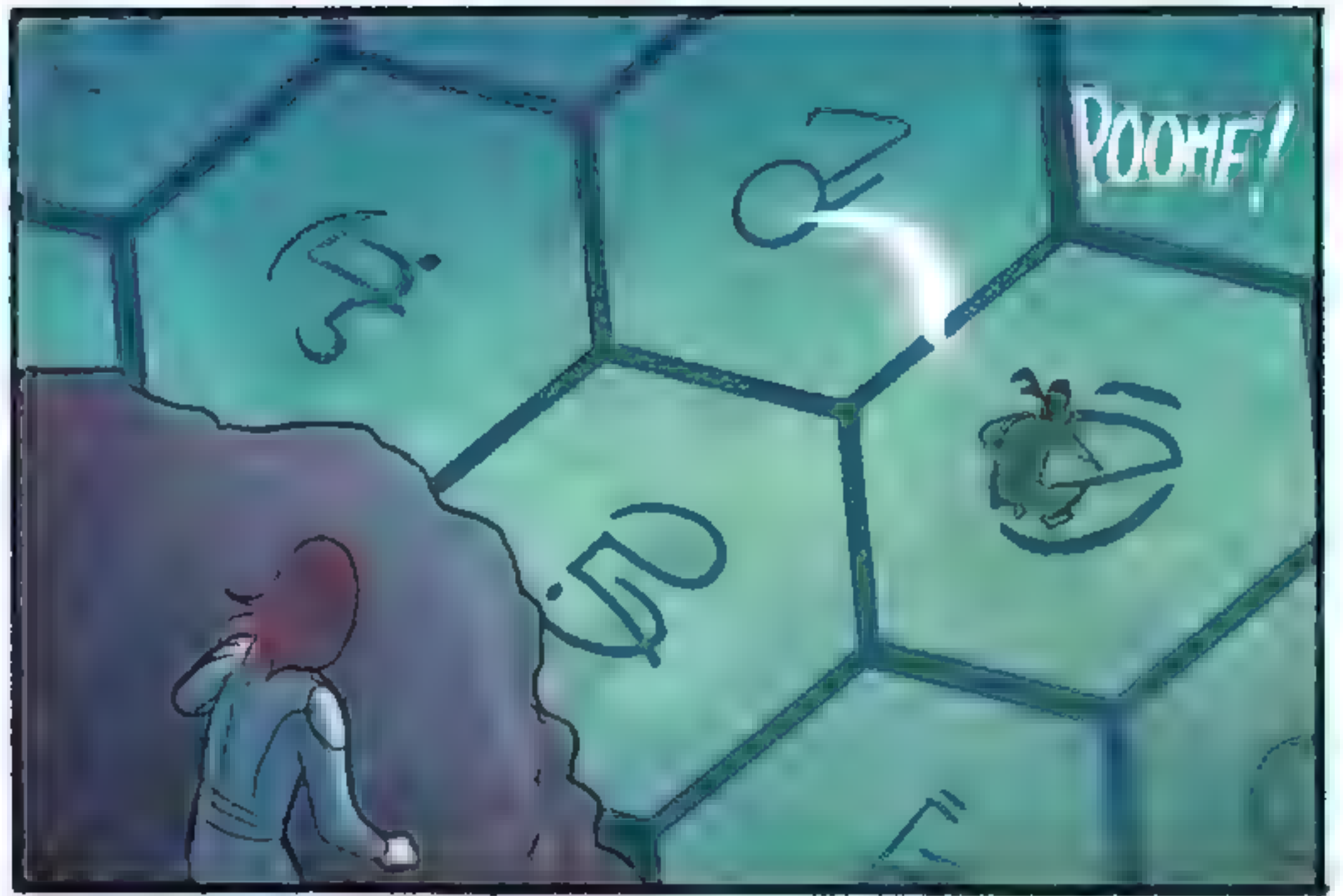




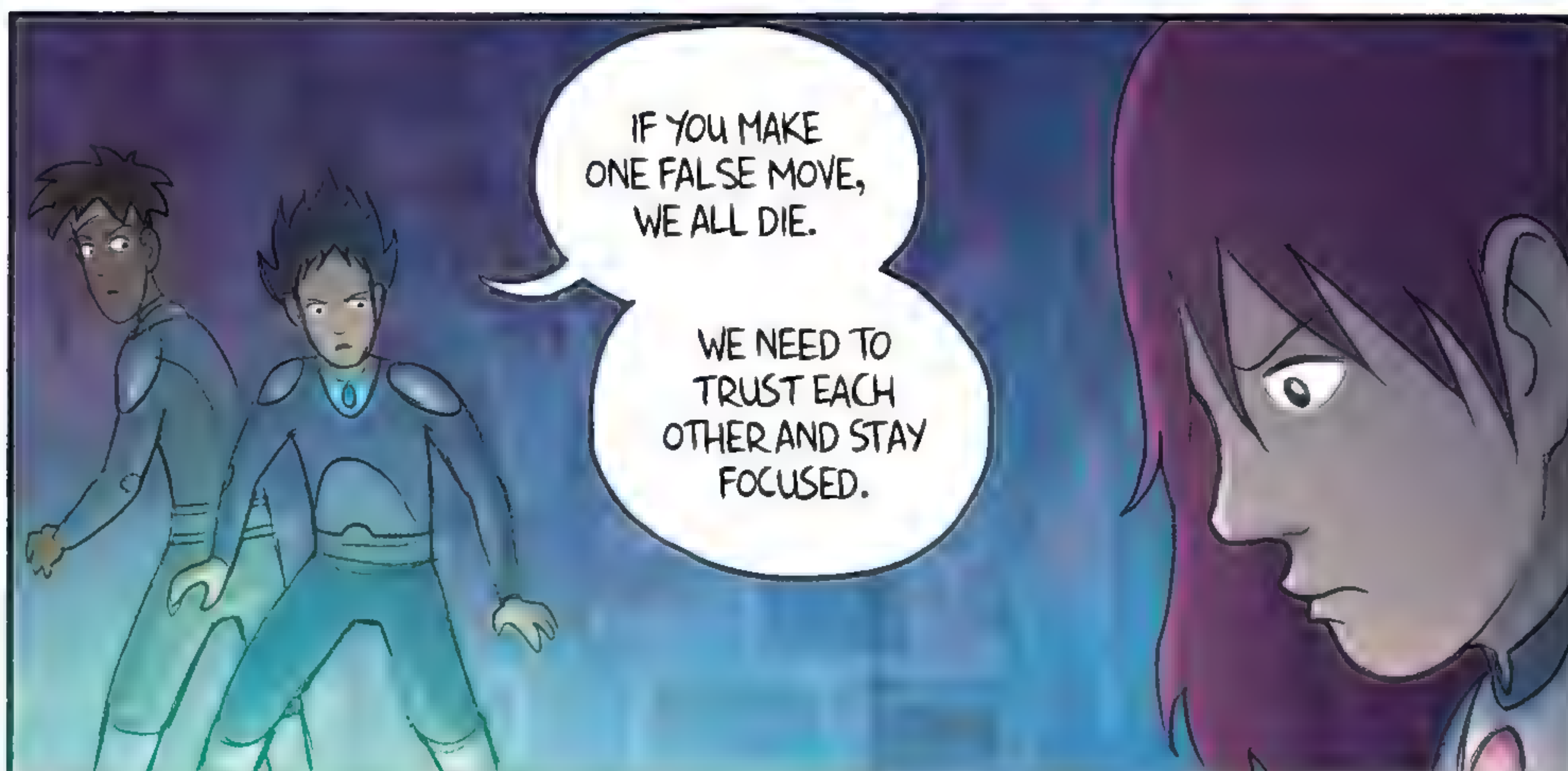
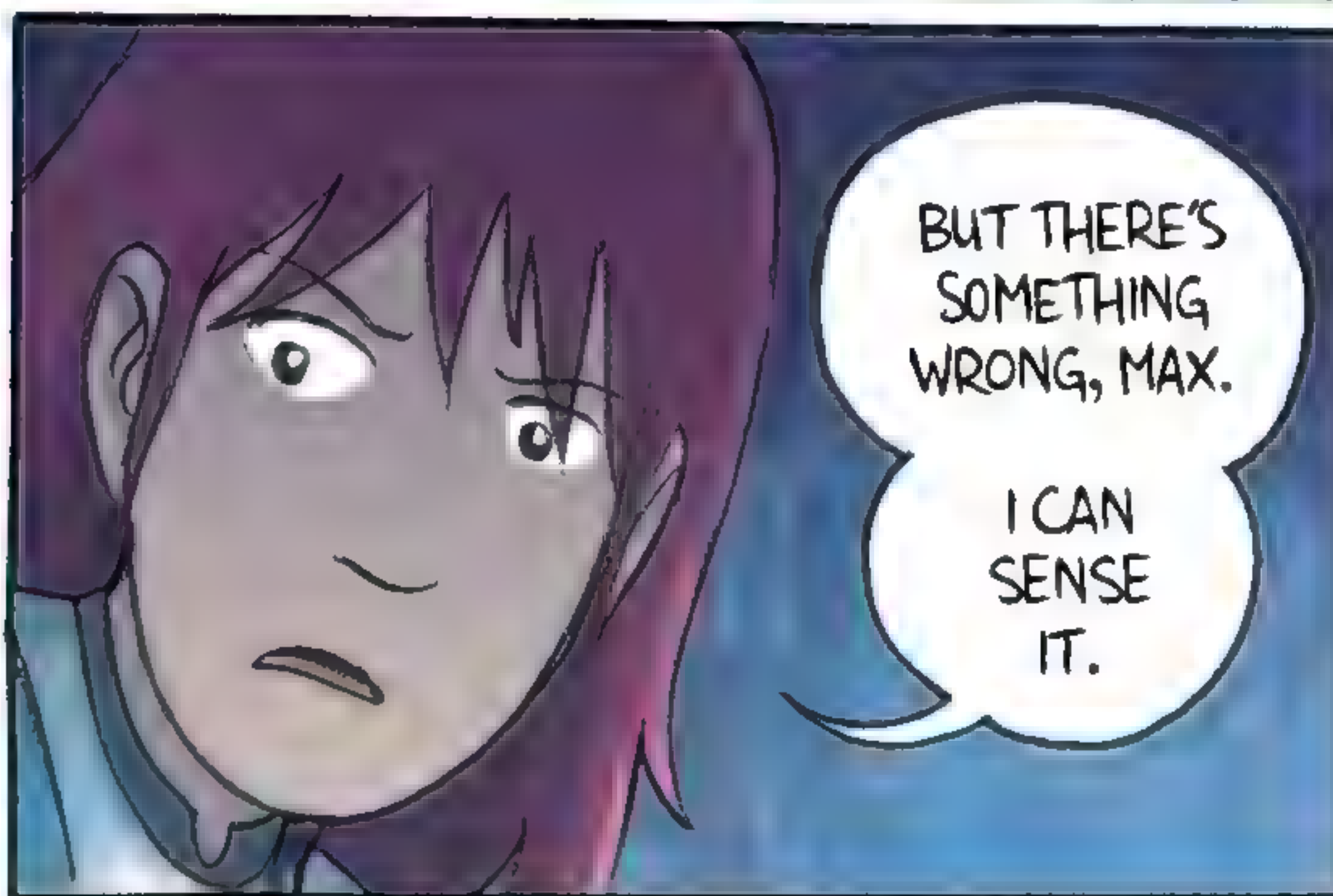
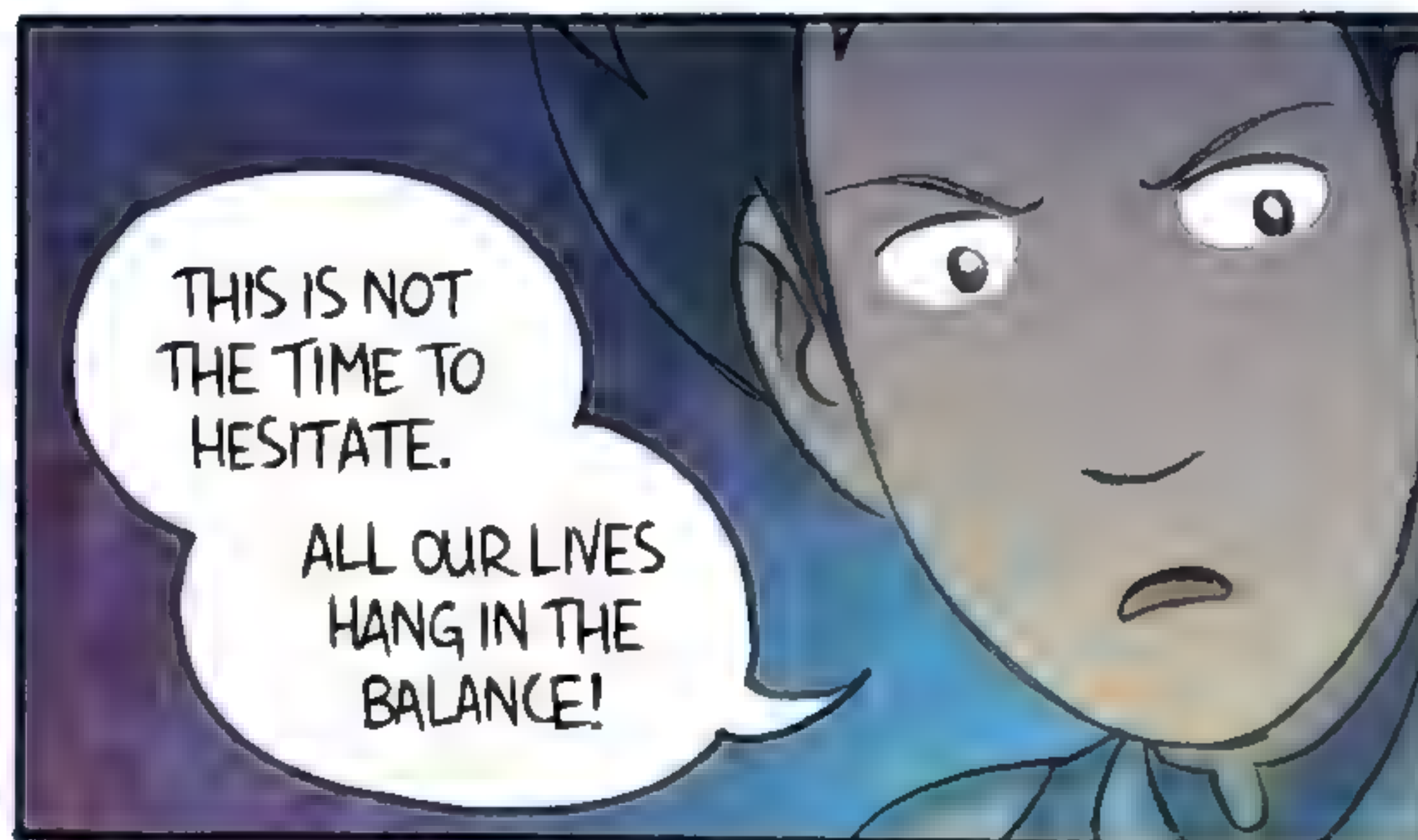


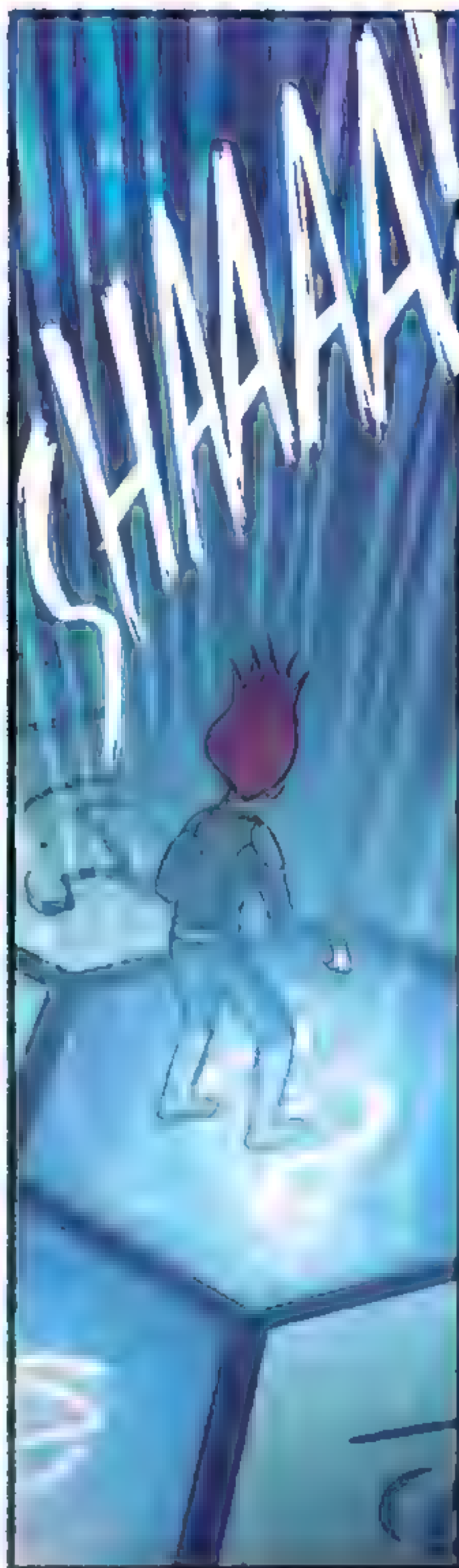
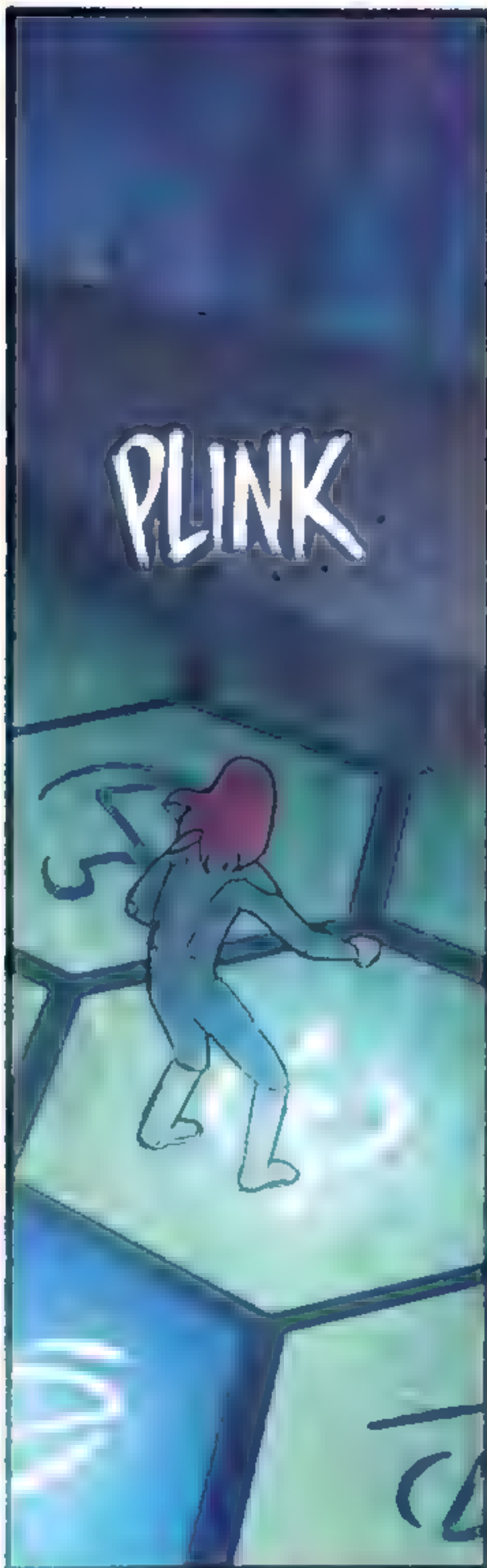
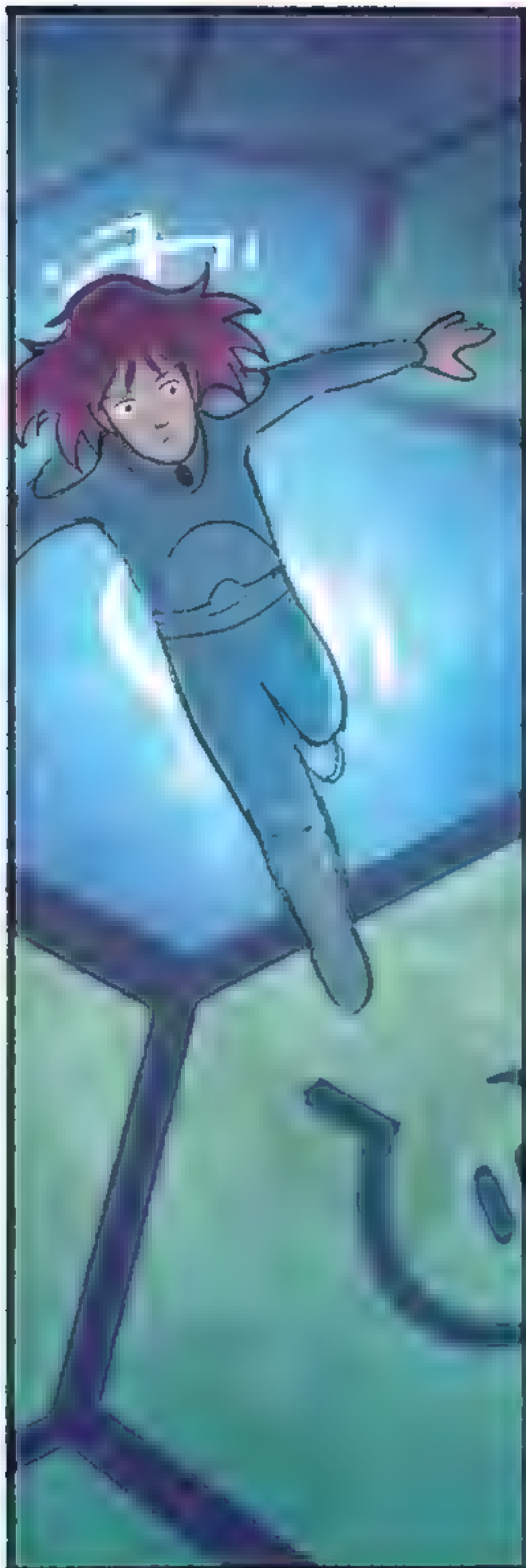


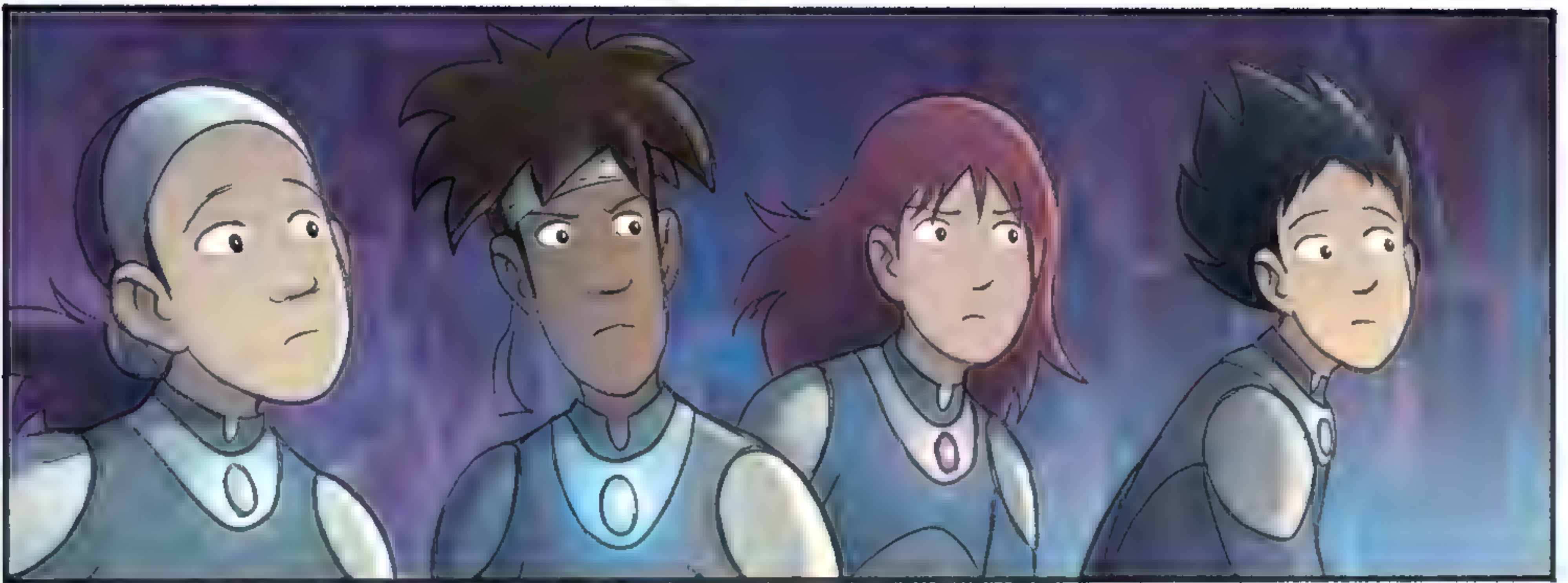


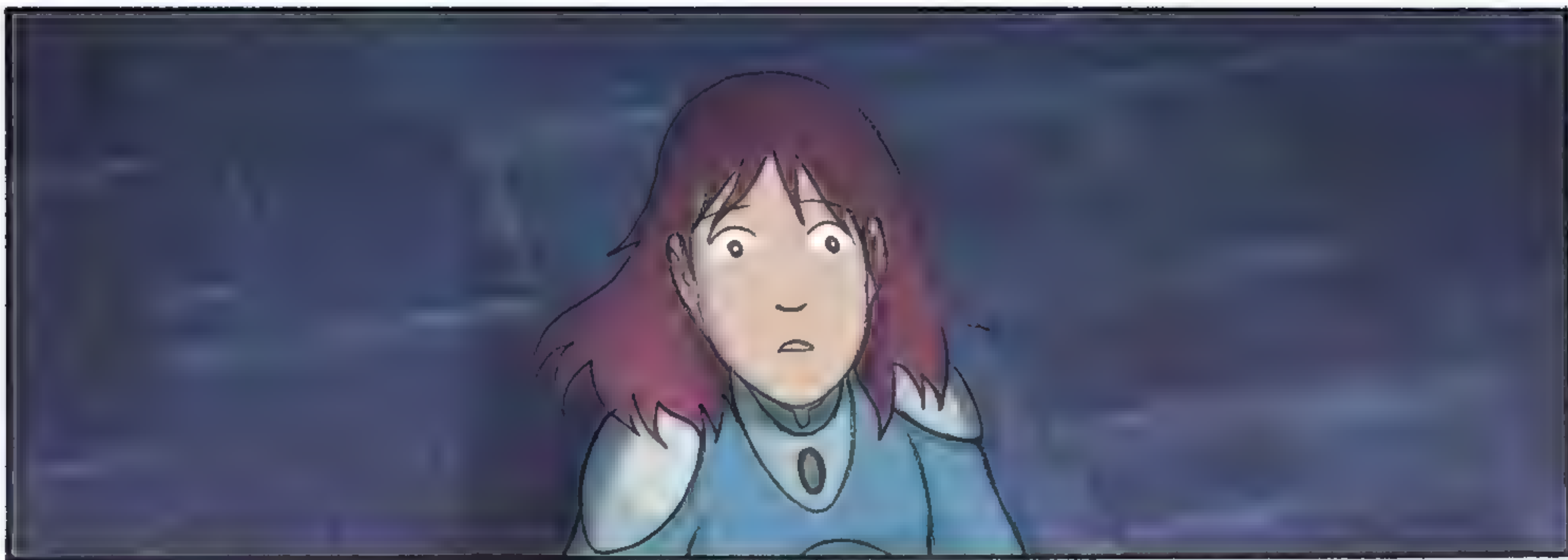














MAX,
THIS
ISN'T THE
EXIT.



HOW
DO YOU
KNOW?



BEFORE I ARRIVED
IN CIELIS, MY STONE
TOLD ME ABOUT THIS
HALLWAY.

IT WARNED
ME ABOUT WALKING
THROUGH IT.



DID IT TELL
YOU WHAT YOU
MIGHT FIND
AT THE END?



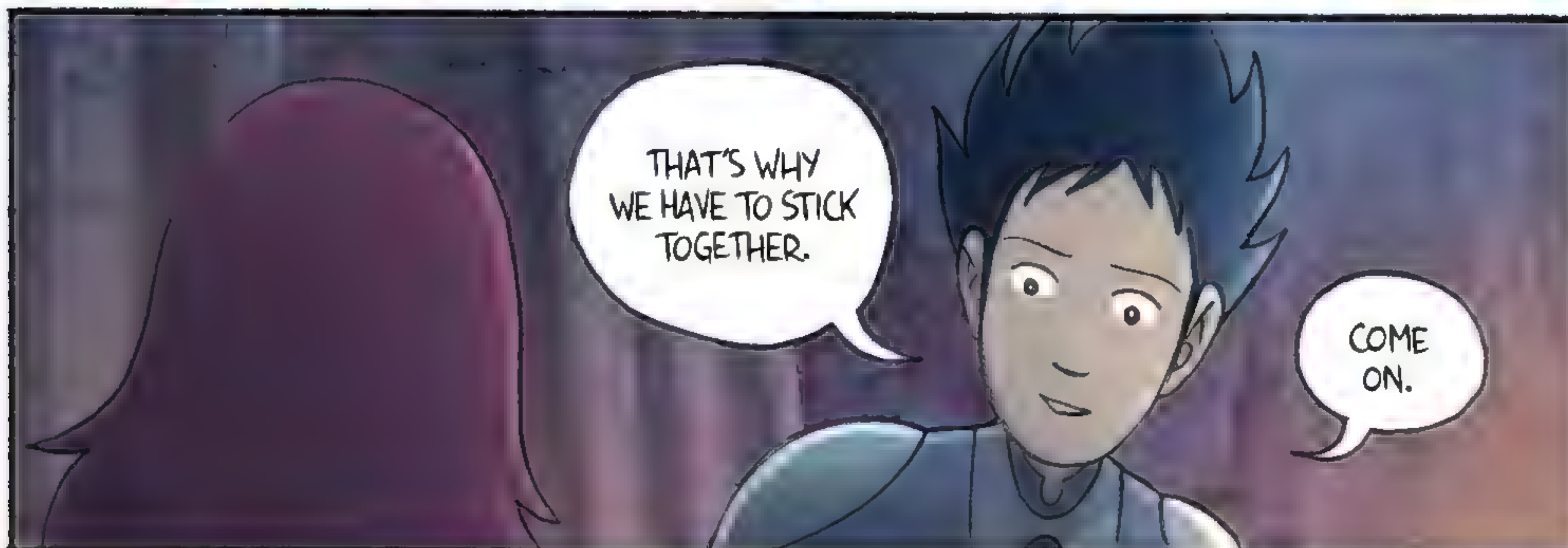
NO.



AND YOU TRUST THE VOICE MORE THAN US?



THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE WHO CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A STONEKEEPER.



THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER.

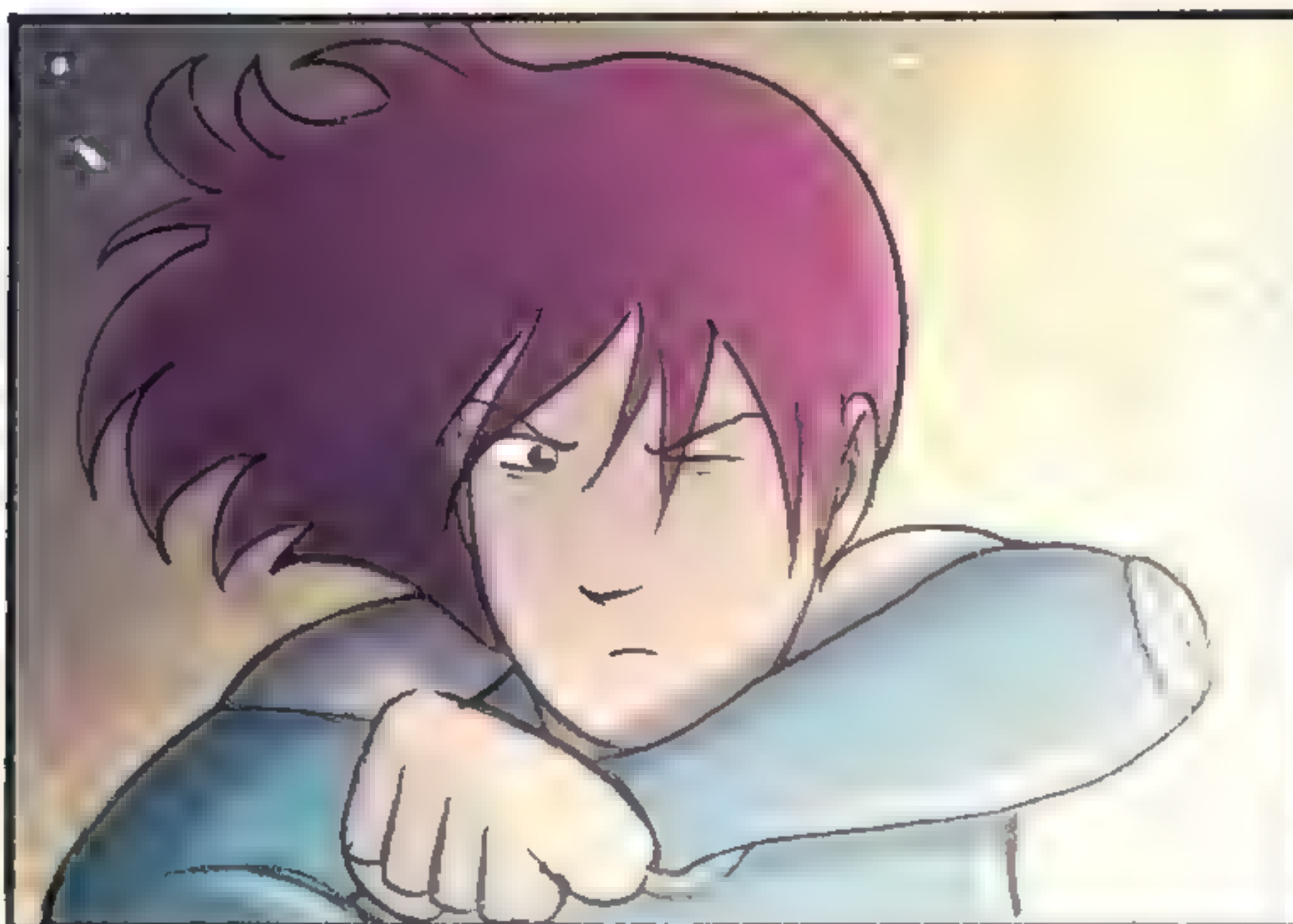
COME ON.



WE'RE ALMOST OUT.

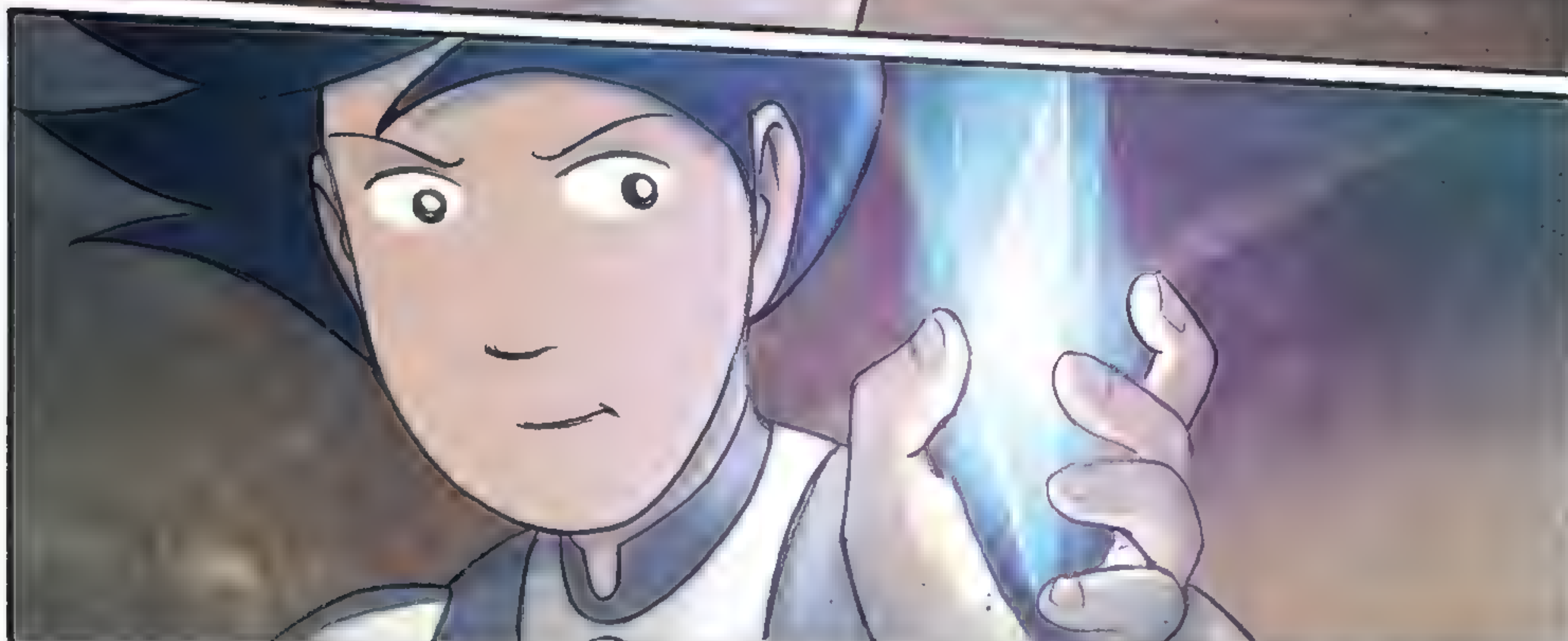
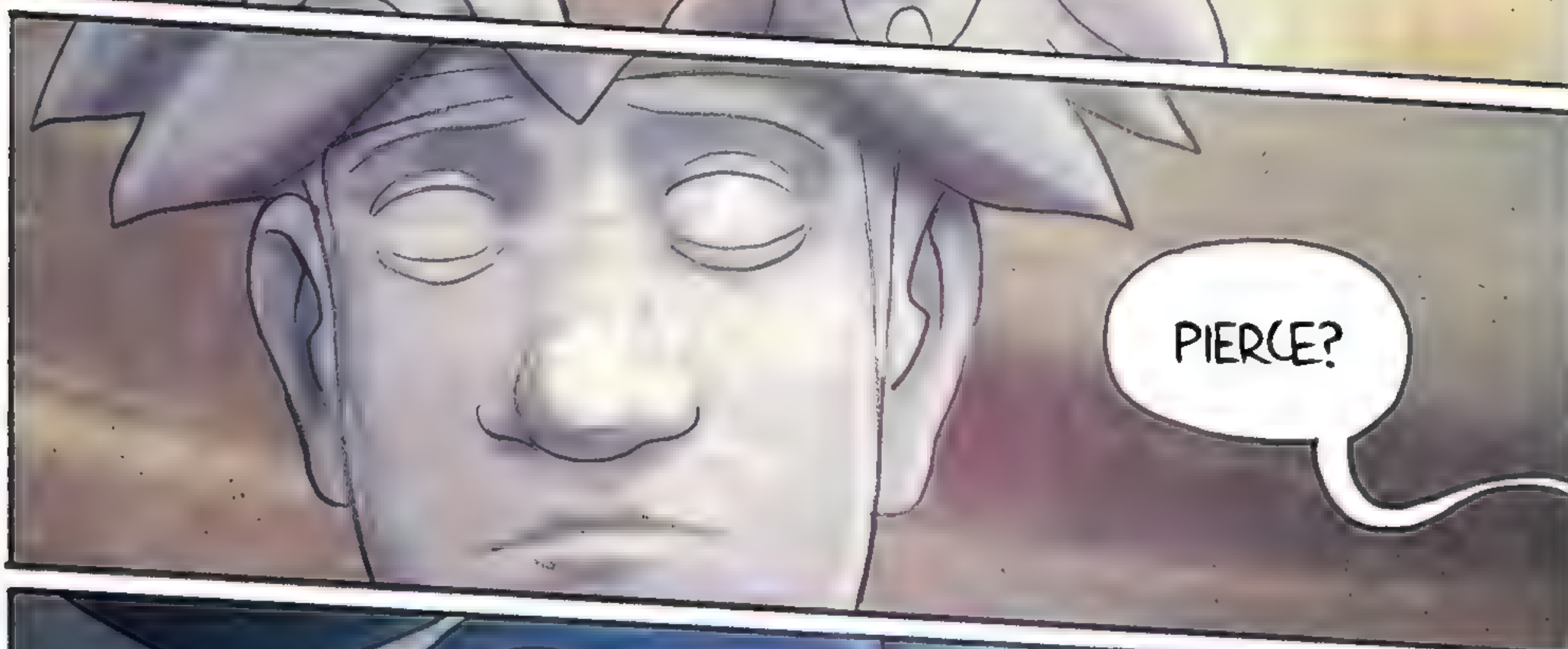
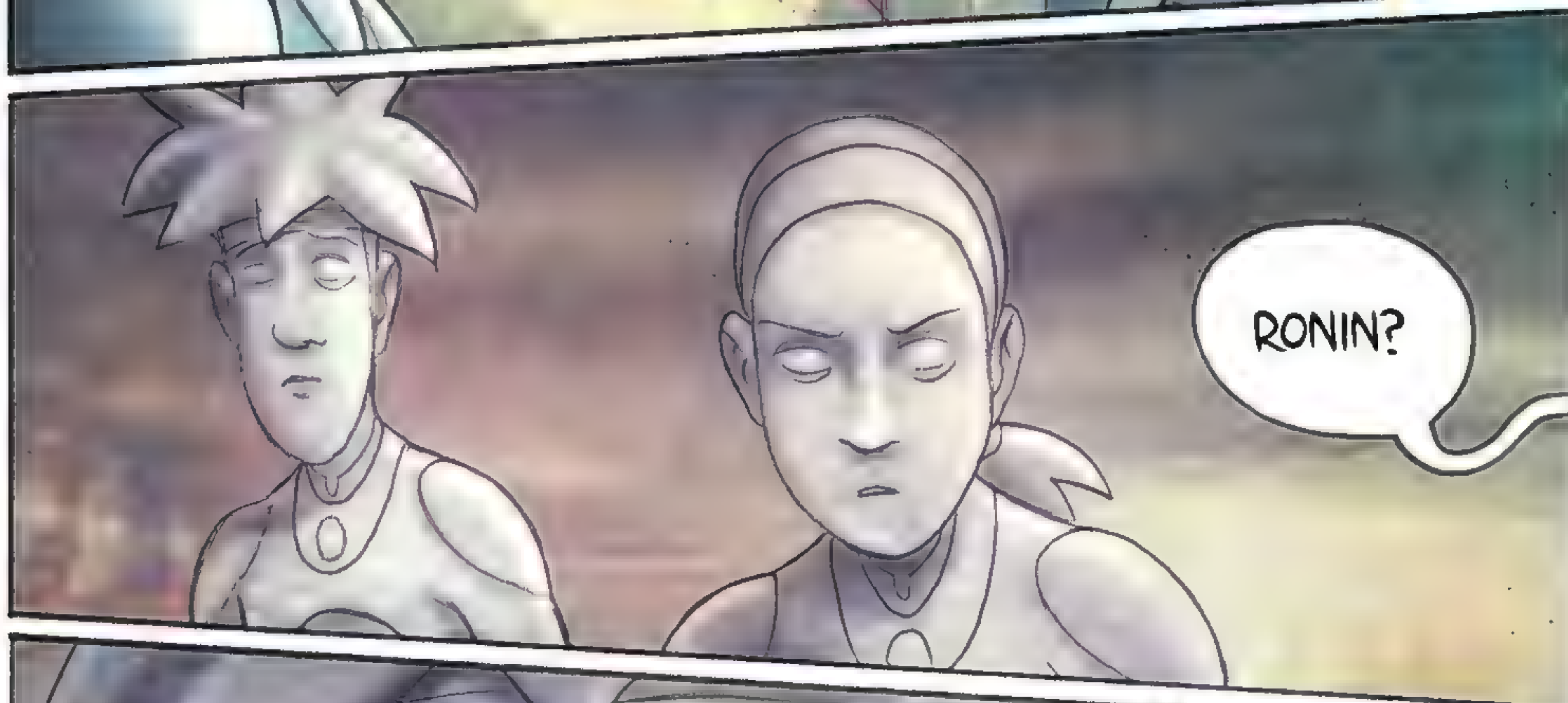


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DO YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA WHAT
THIS IS, EMILY?

IT IS WHERE
YOU AND I WERE
TRULY BORN.



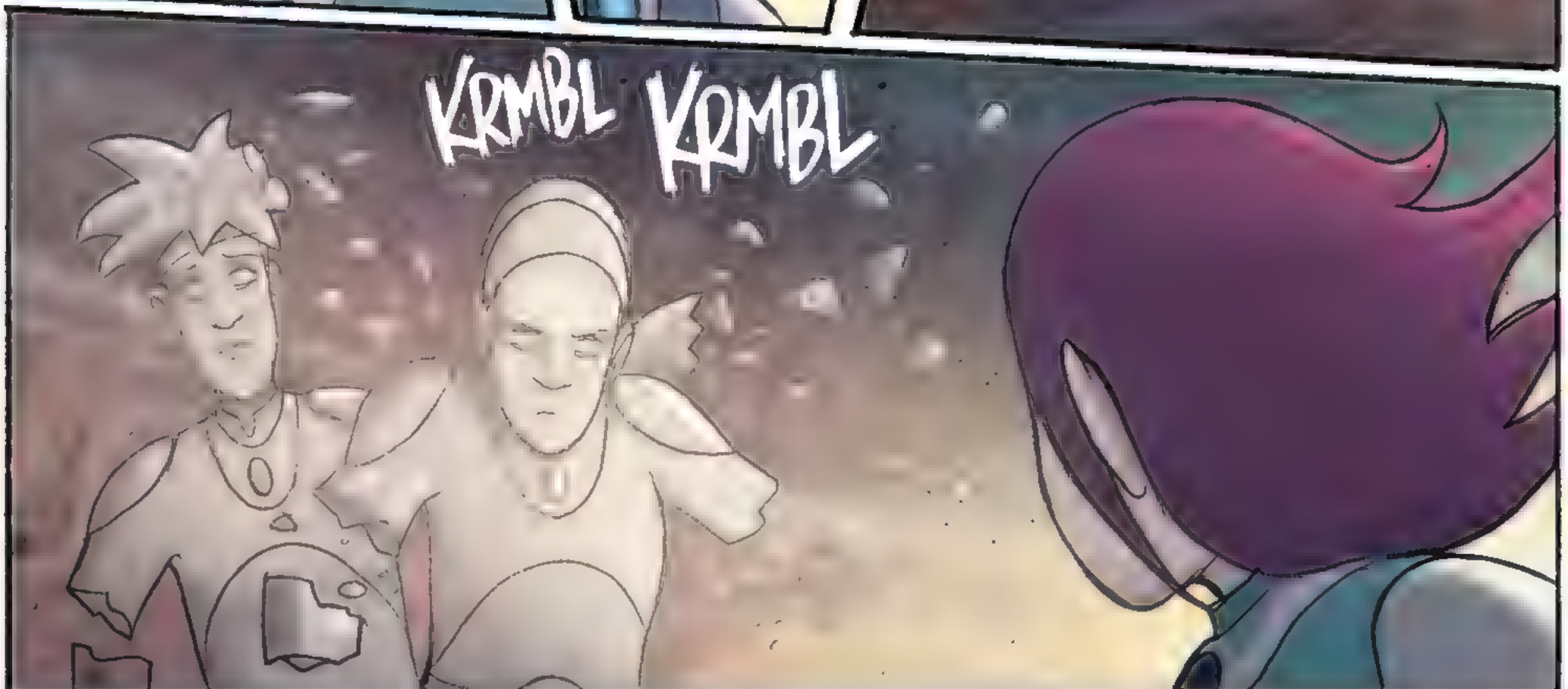
THIS IS WHAT
REMAINS OF THE
MOTHER STONE!



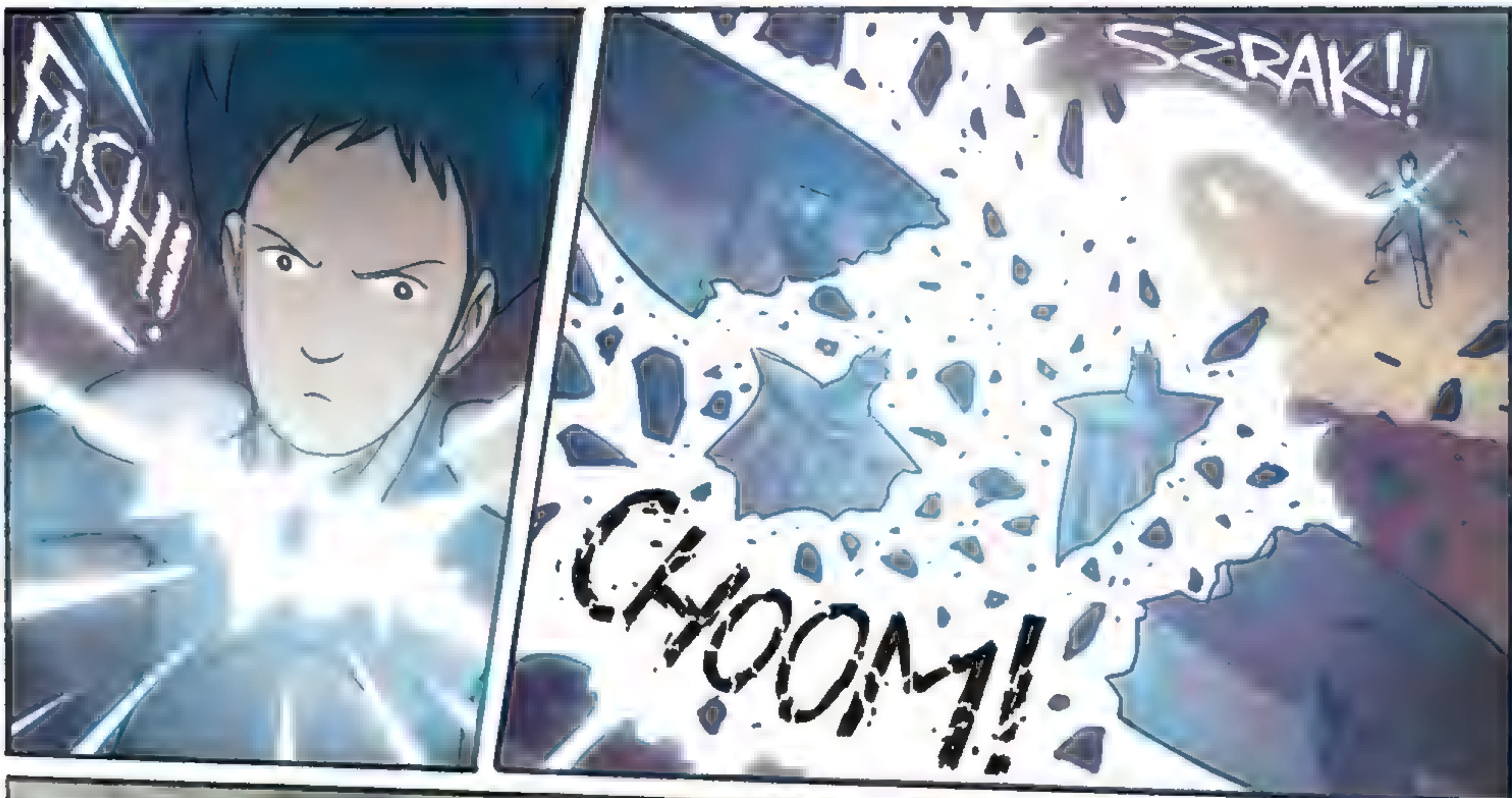
AND IT CONTAINS
ENOUGH ENERGY
TO CREATE A NEW
GUARDIAN COUNCIL.

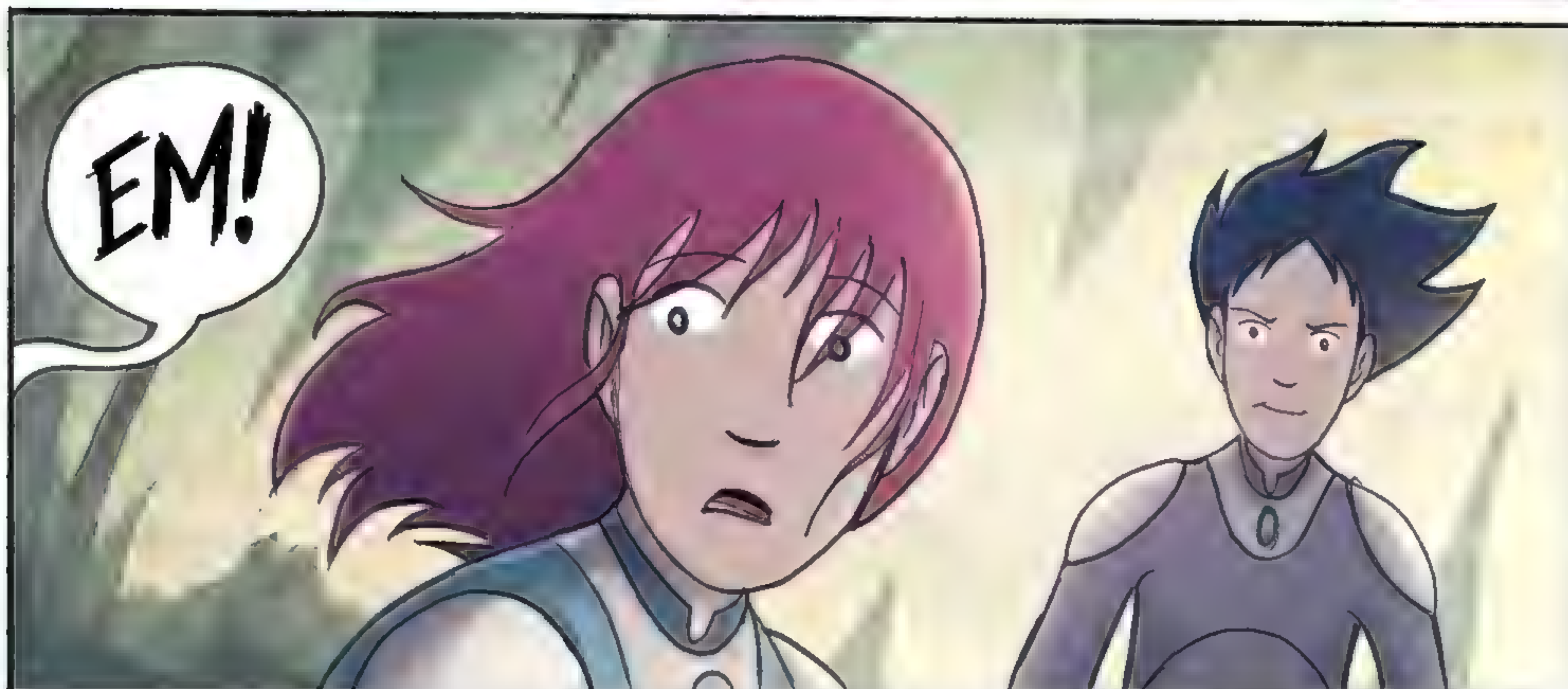
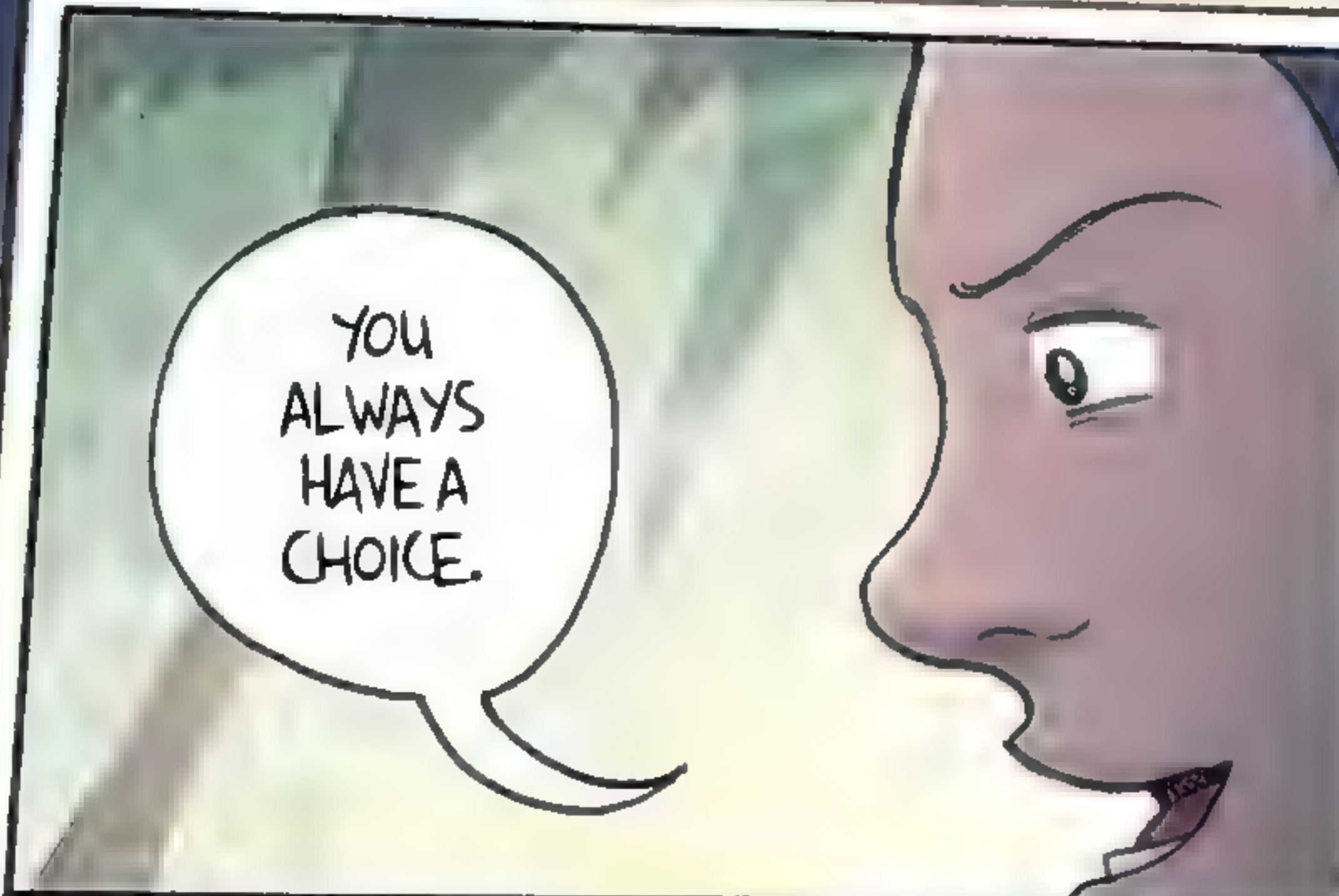
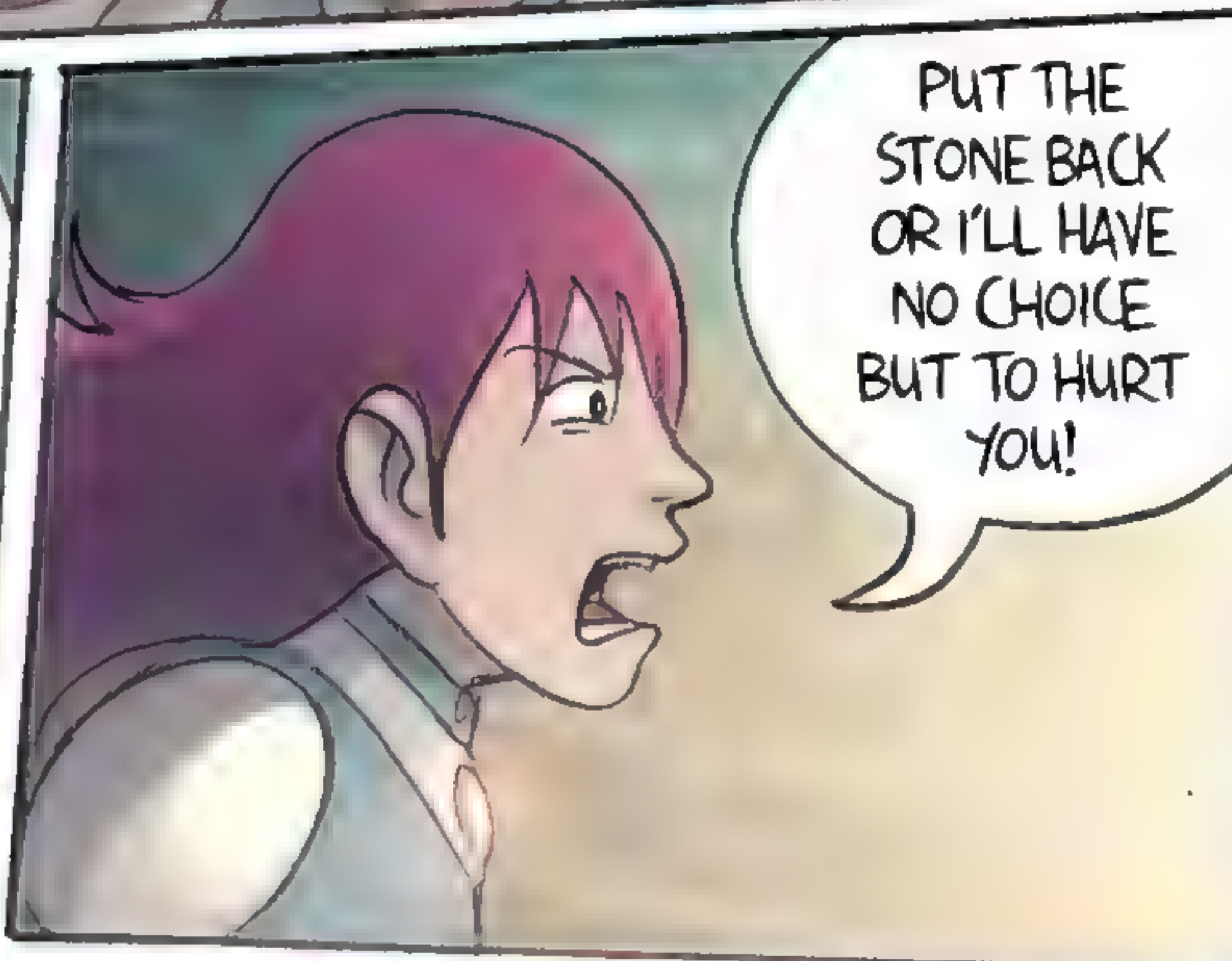


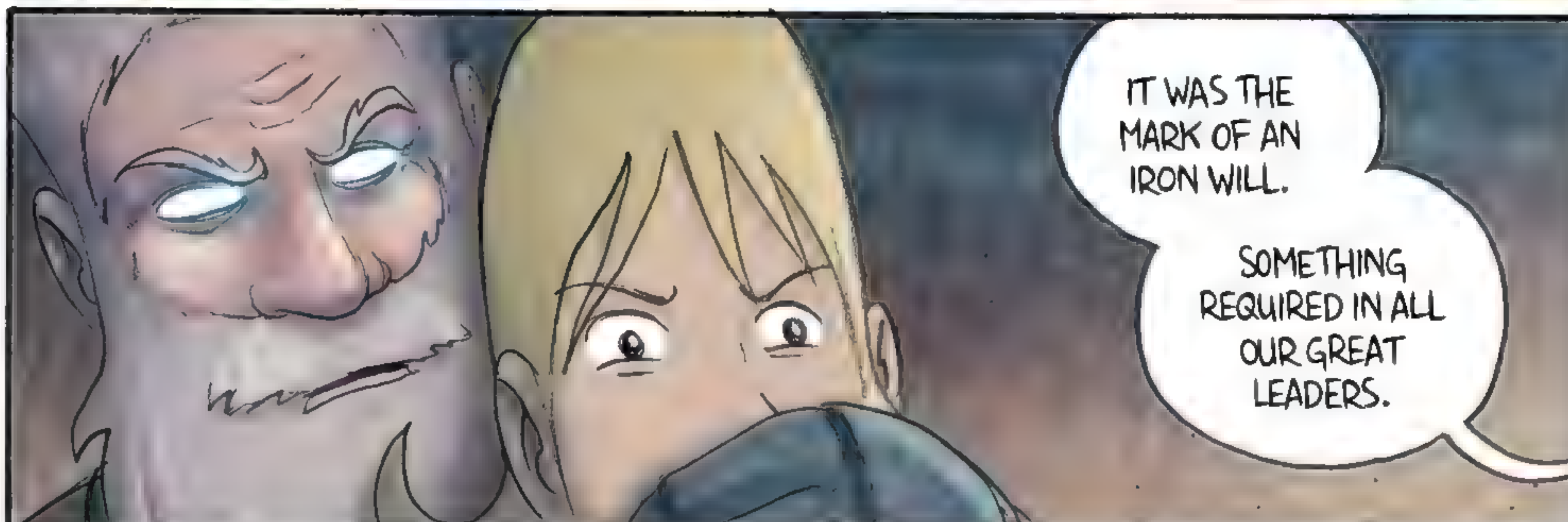
THE FUTURE
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RESTS IN OUR
HANDS!



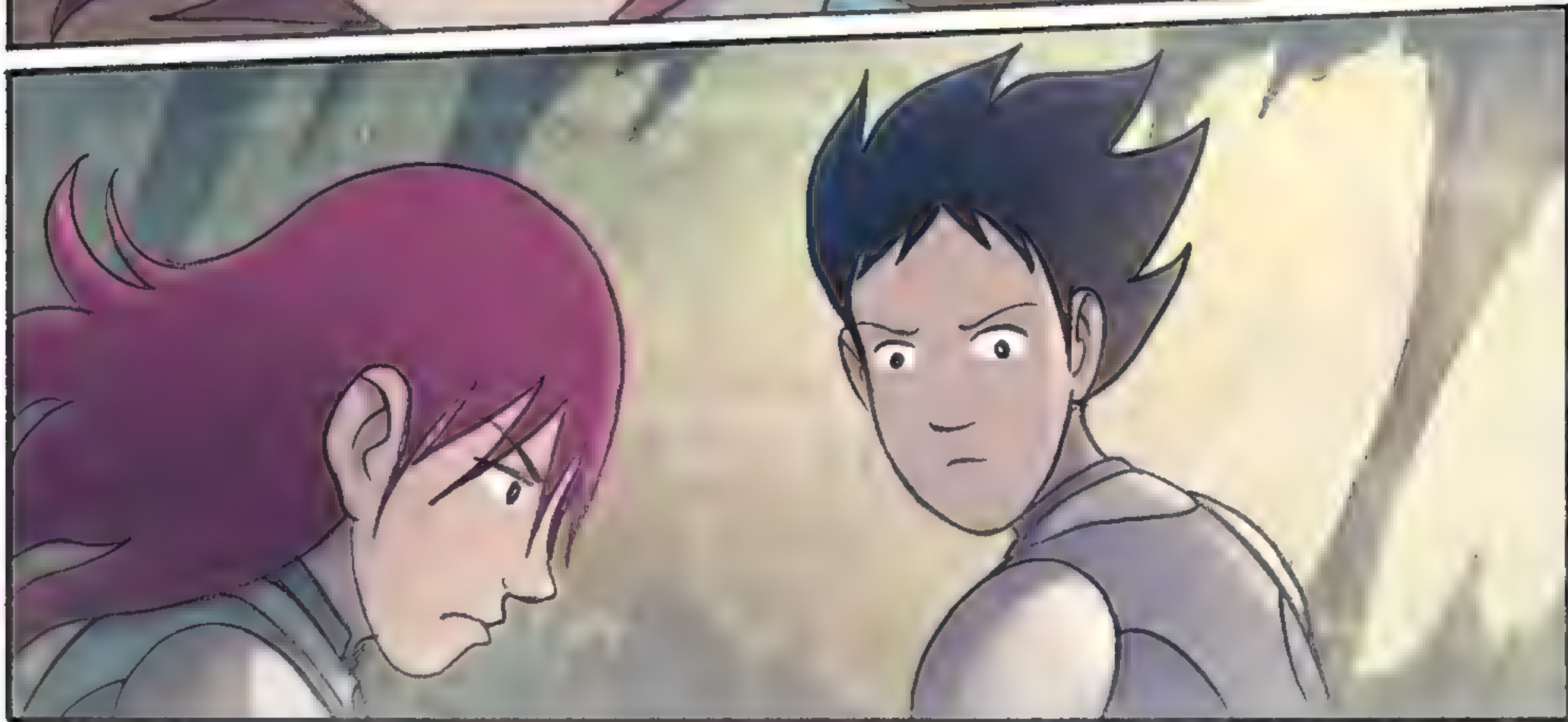
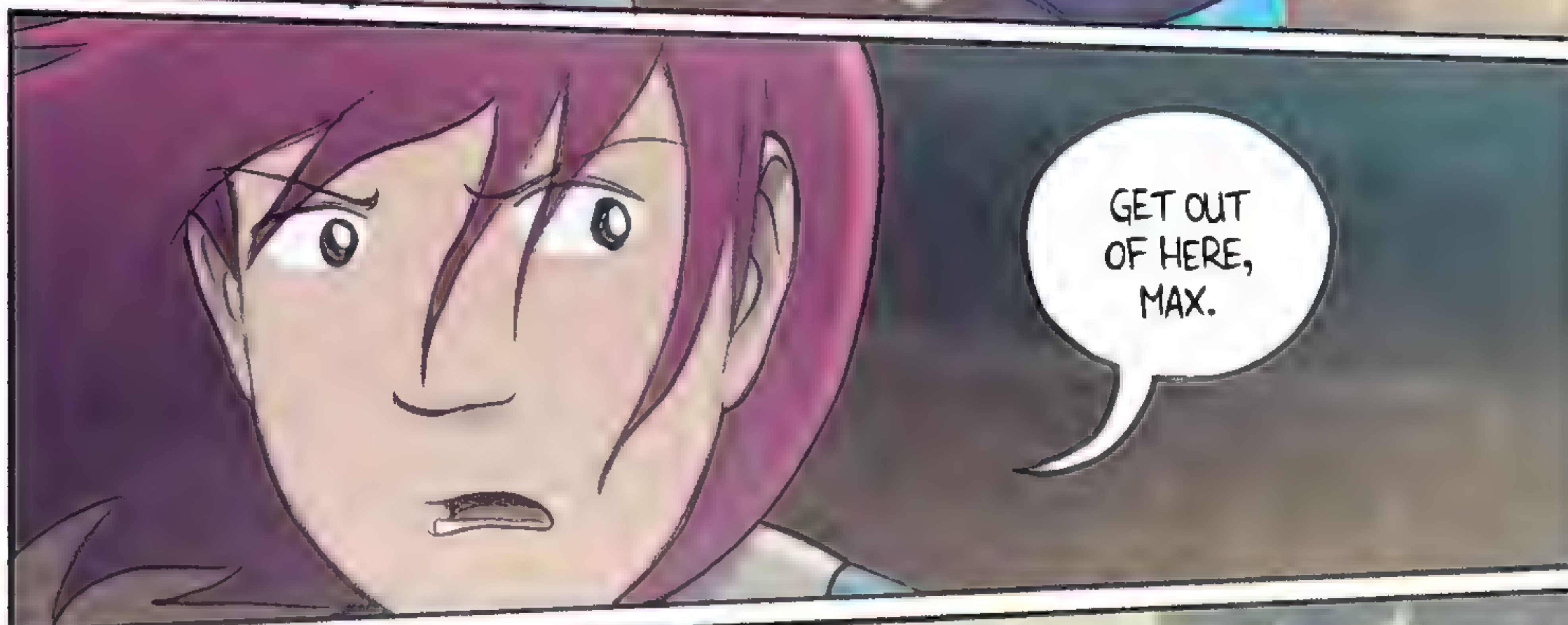


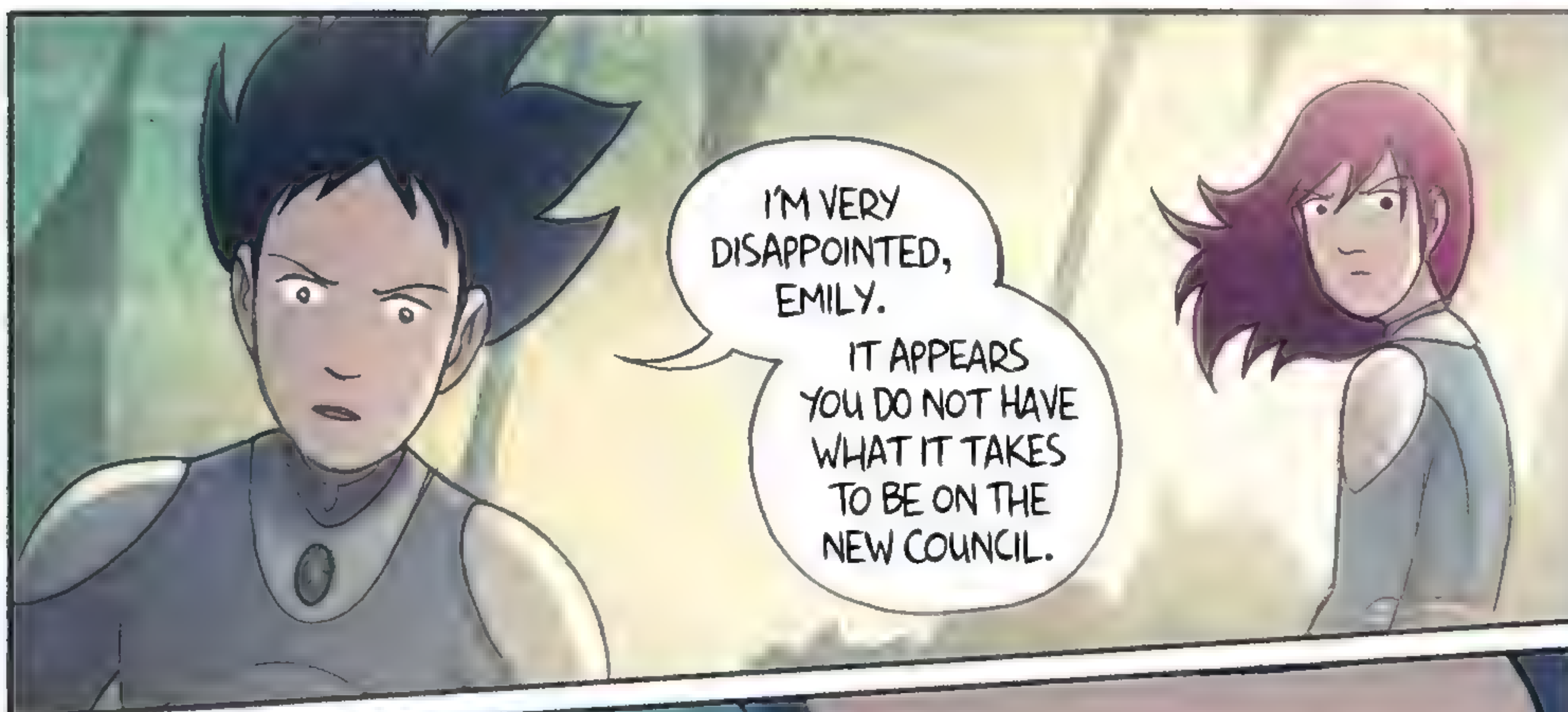


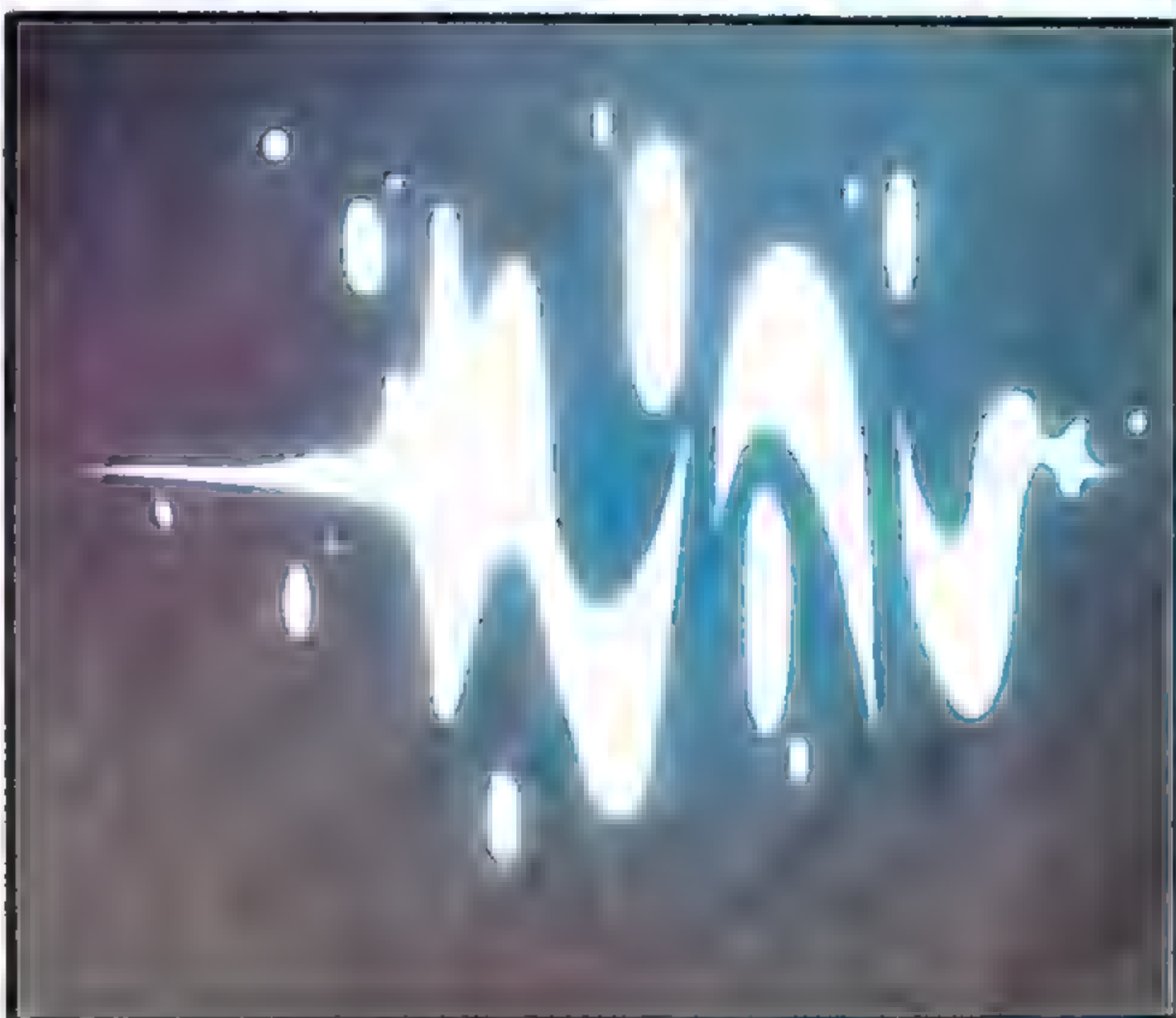
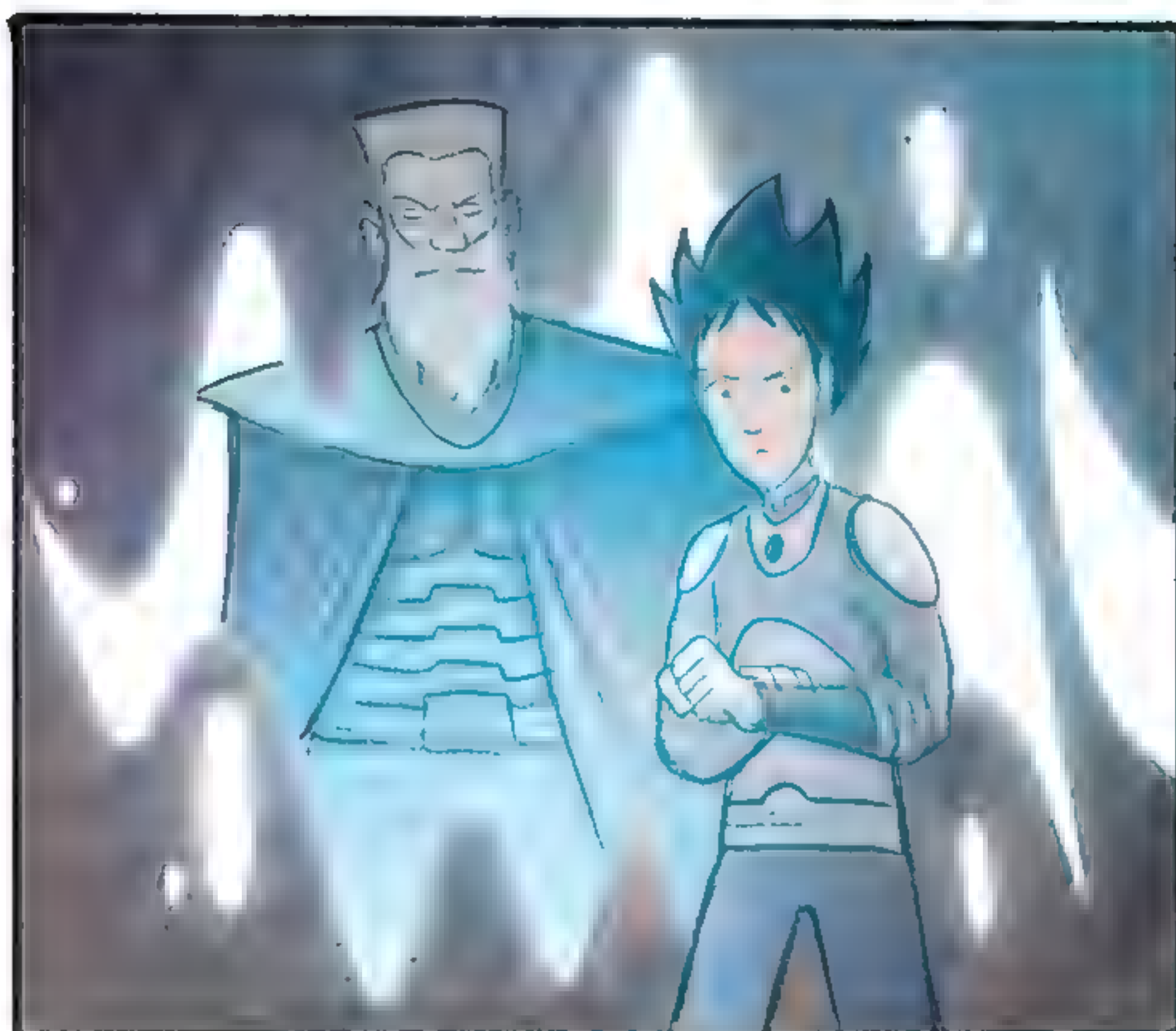
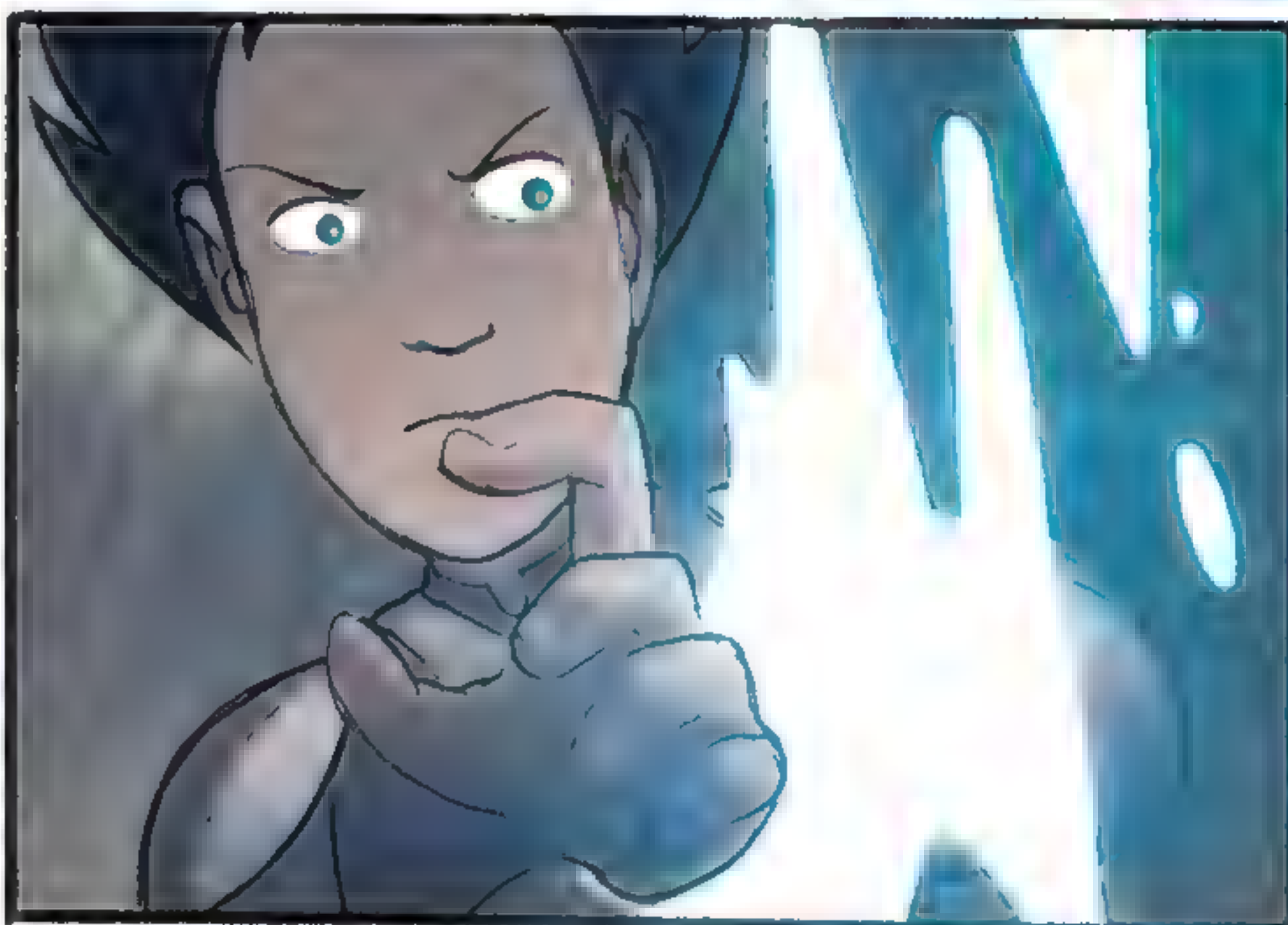
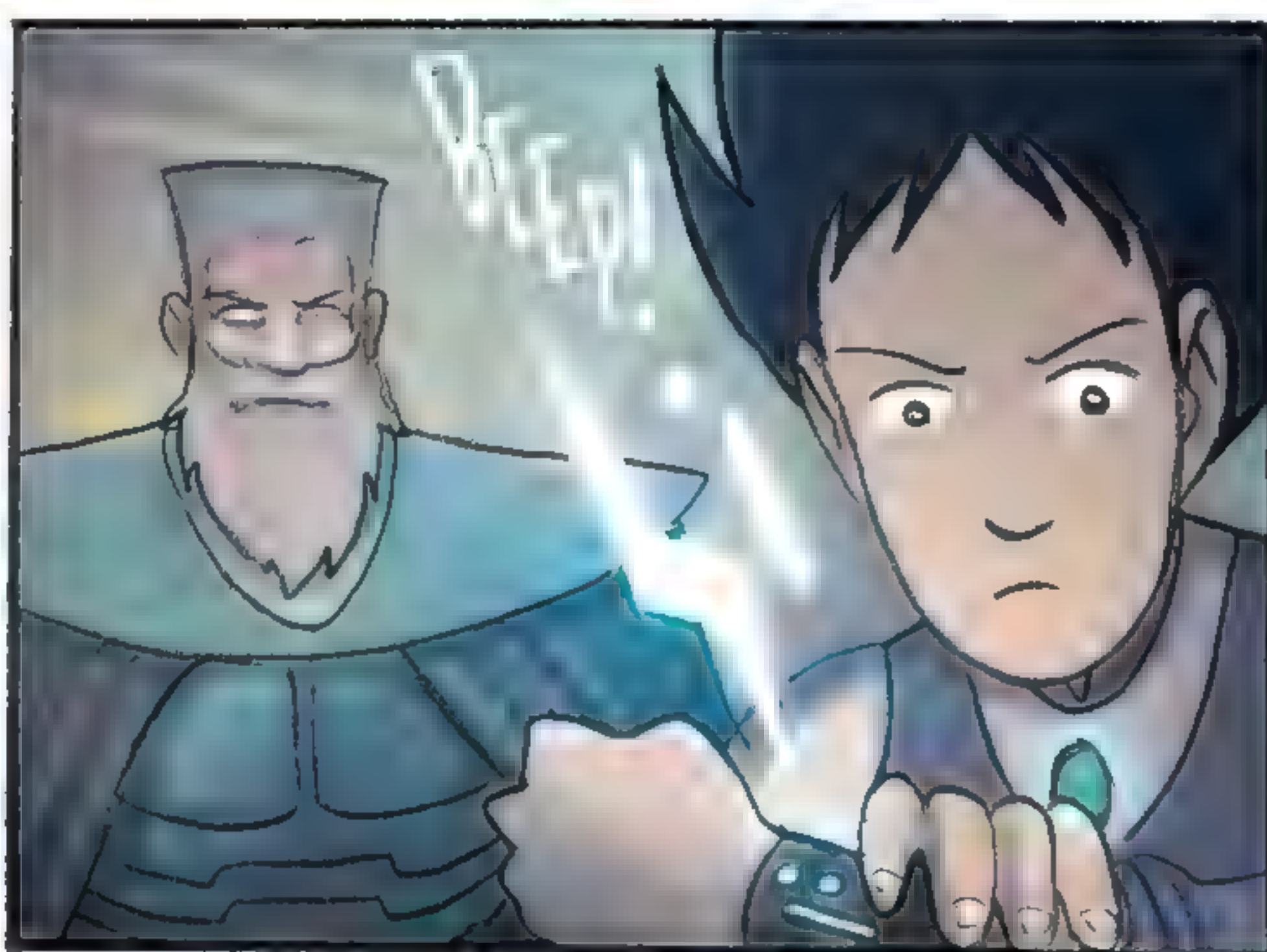
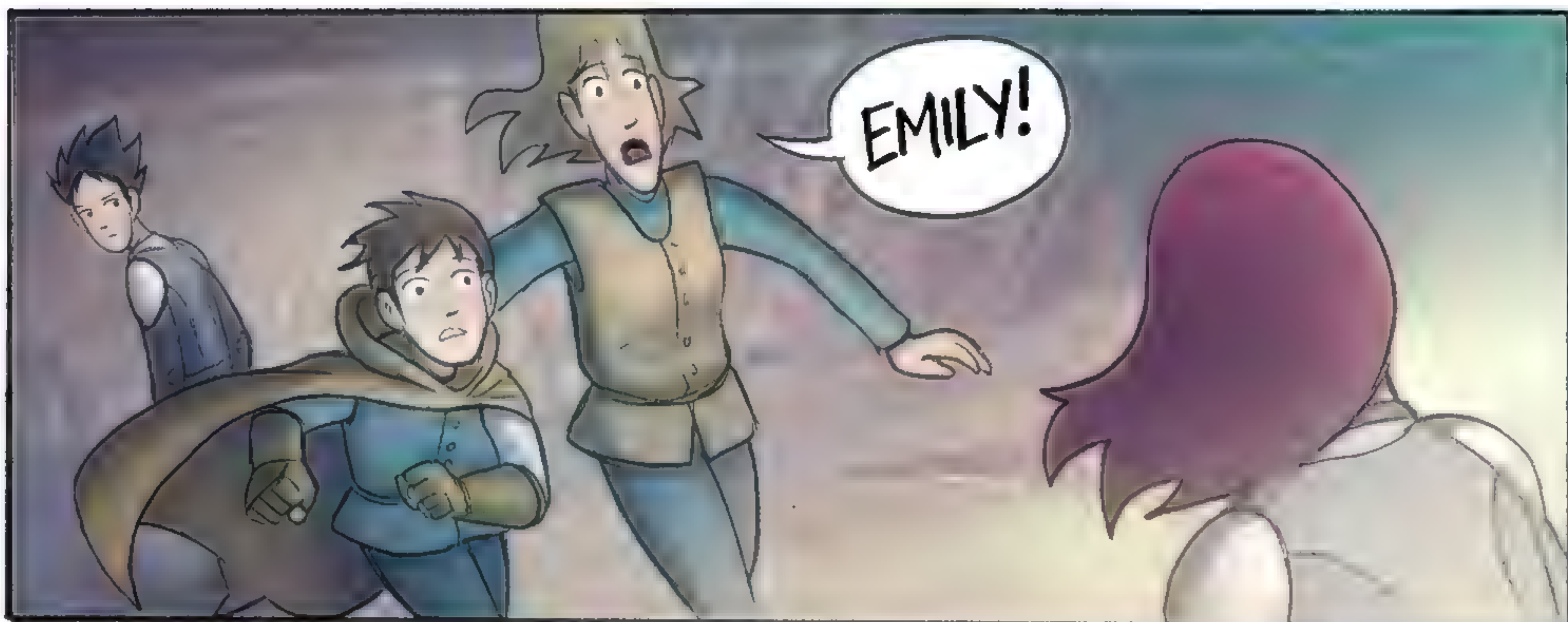




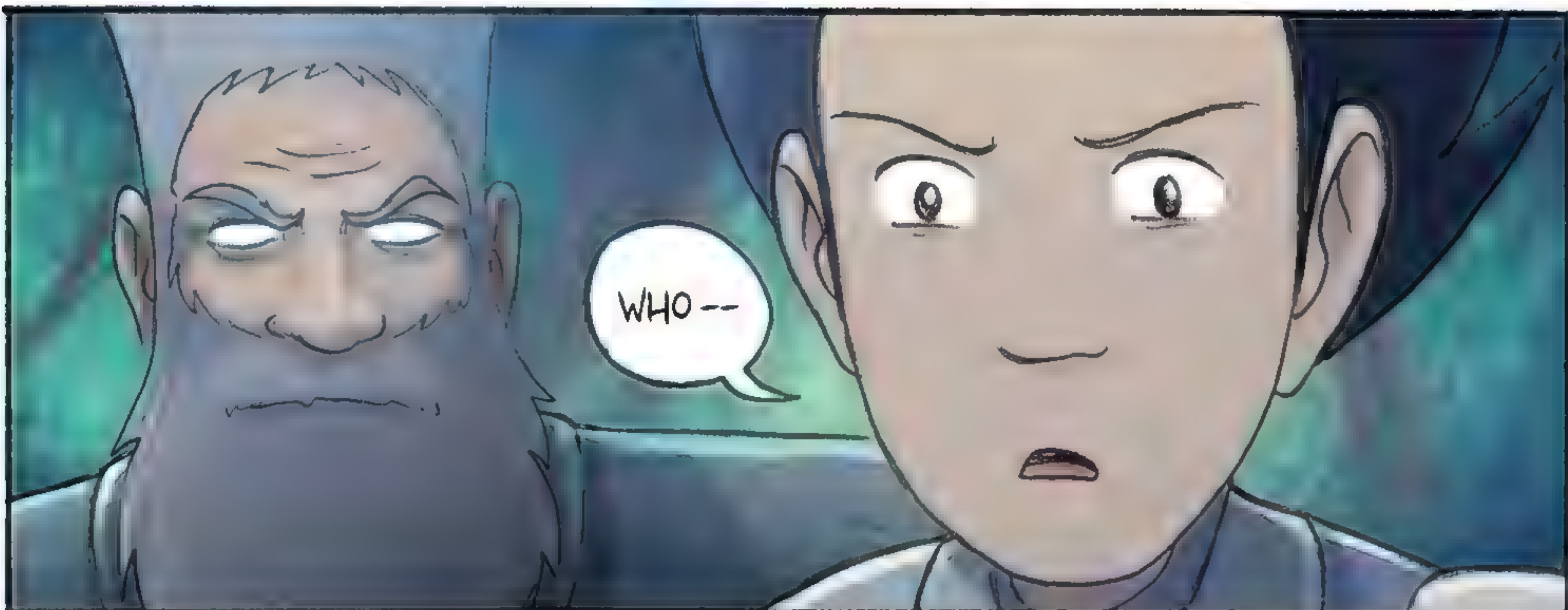
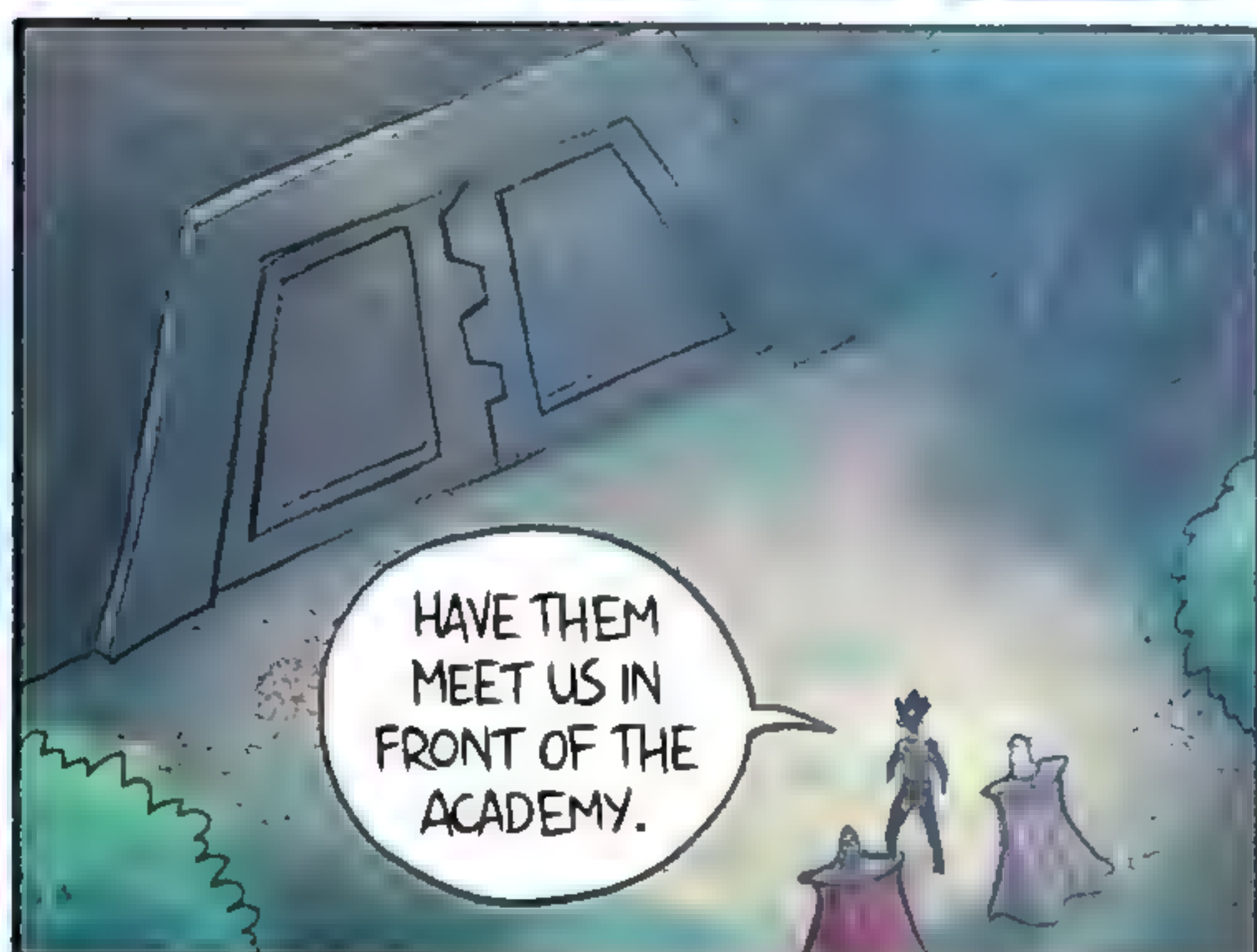




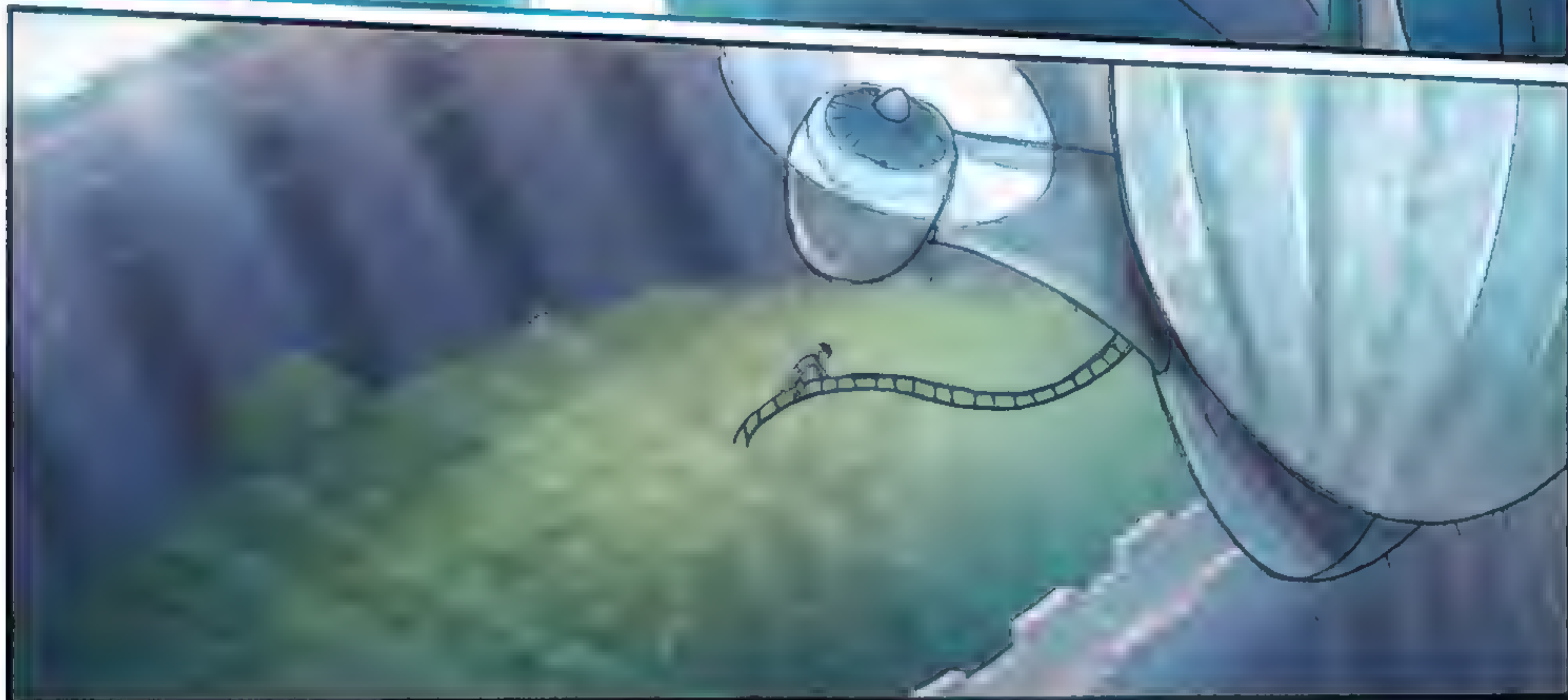


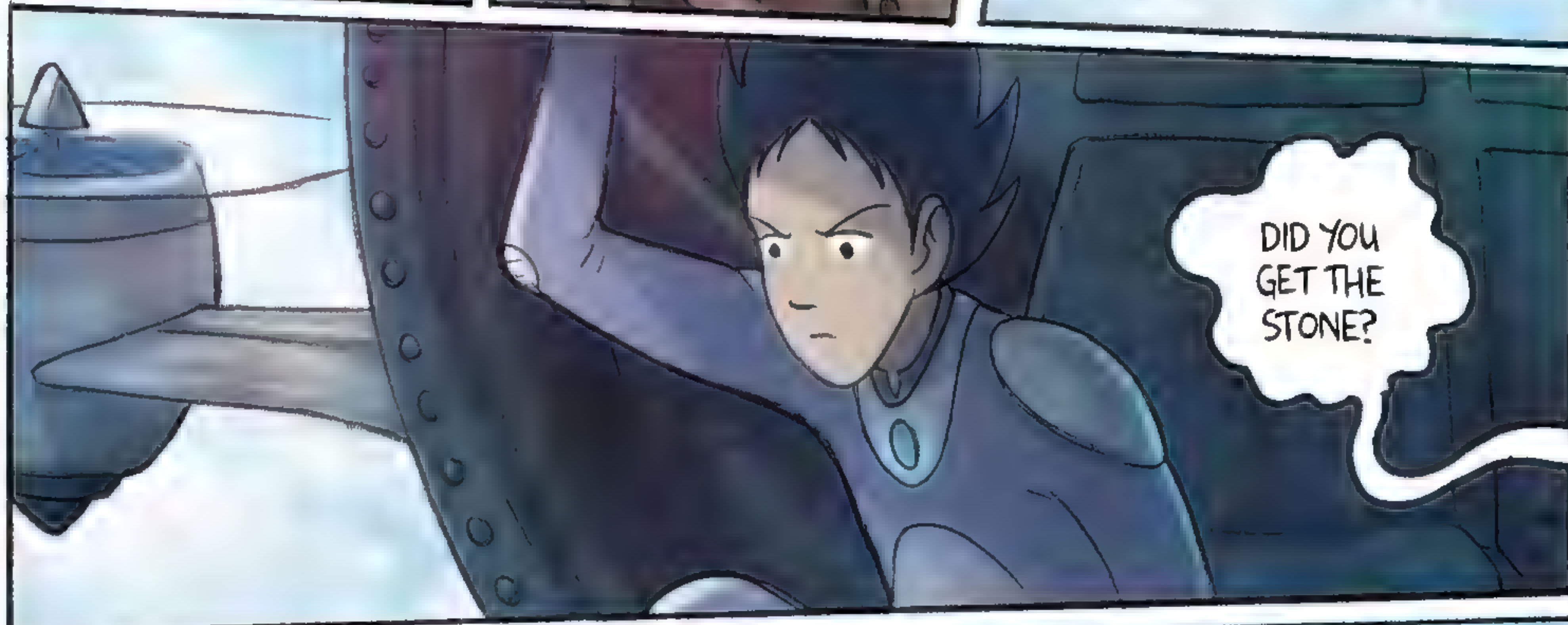
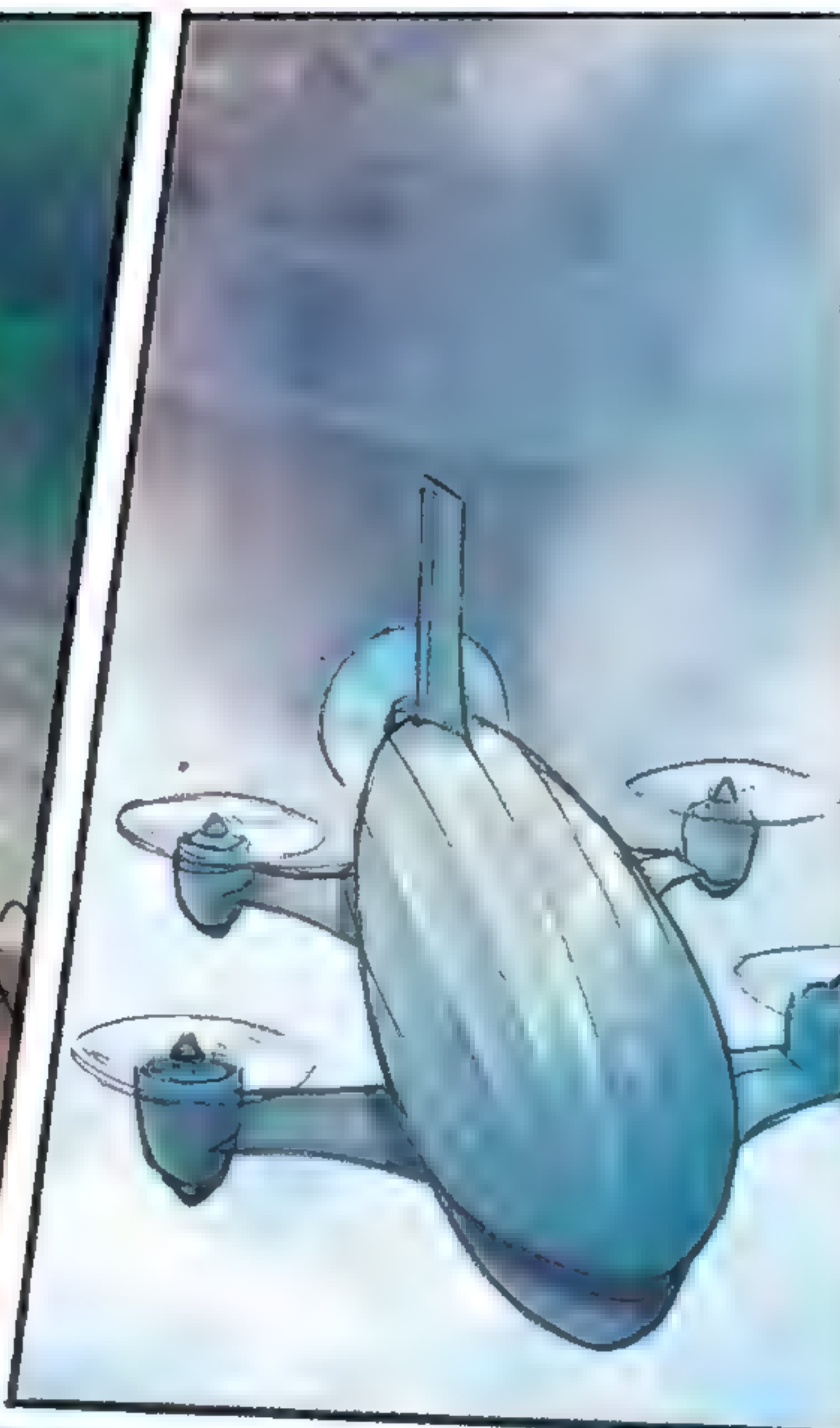












WHAT WILL I FIND
AT THE END?







WHY KEEP
SECRETS FROM
ME?



I'M YOUNG, BUT
THAT DOESN'T MEAN
I DON'T KNOW WHAT
I'M DOING.



YOU ARE
NOT READY.



NOT YET.

YOU WILL
BE SOON.



WHEN YOU BEGIN TO
REALIZE THE TRUE WEIGHT
OF YOUR ACTIONS...



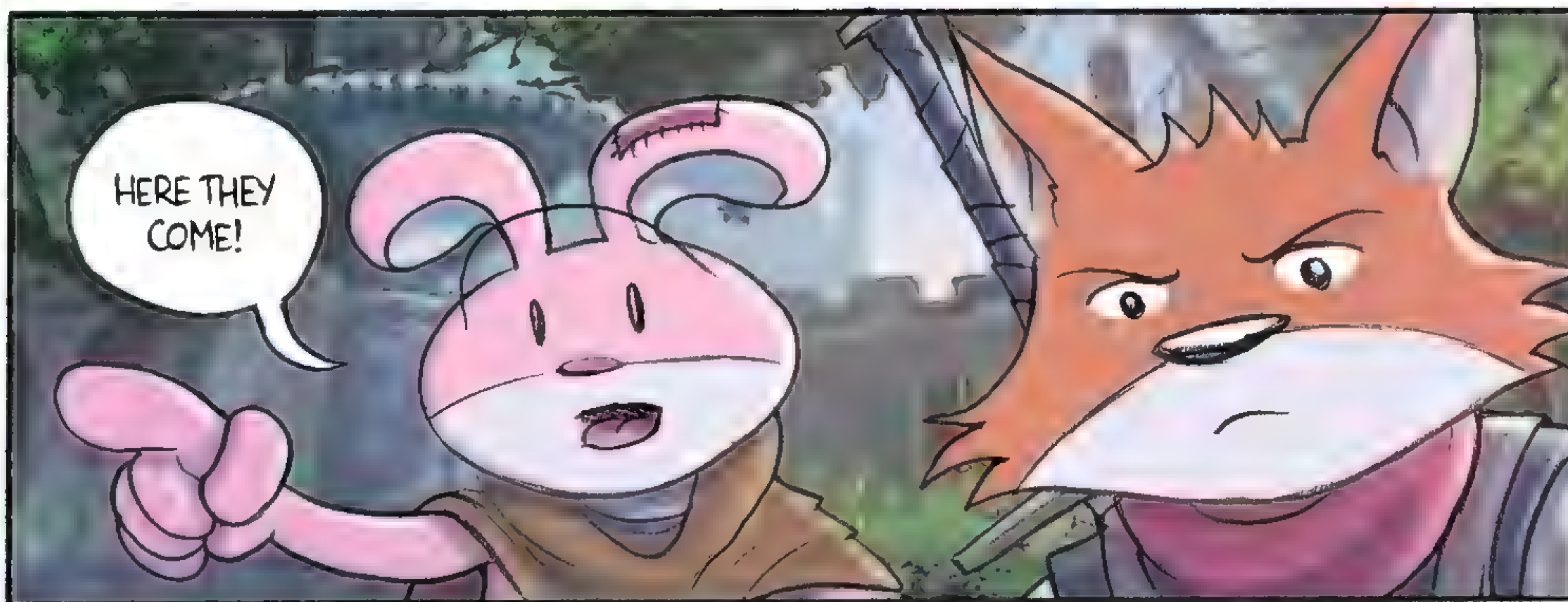
...YOU WILL AWAKEN
TO BECOME THE
PERSON THIS WORLD
NEEDS YOU TO BE.

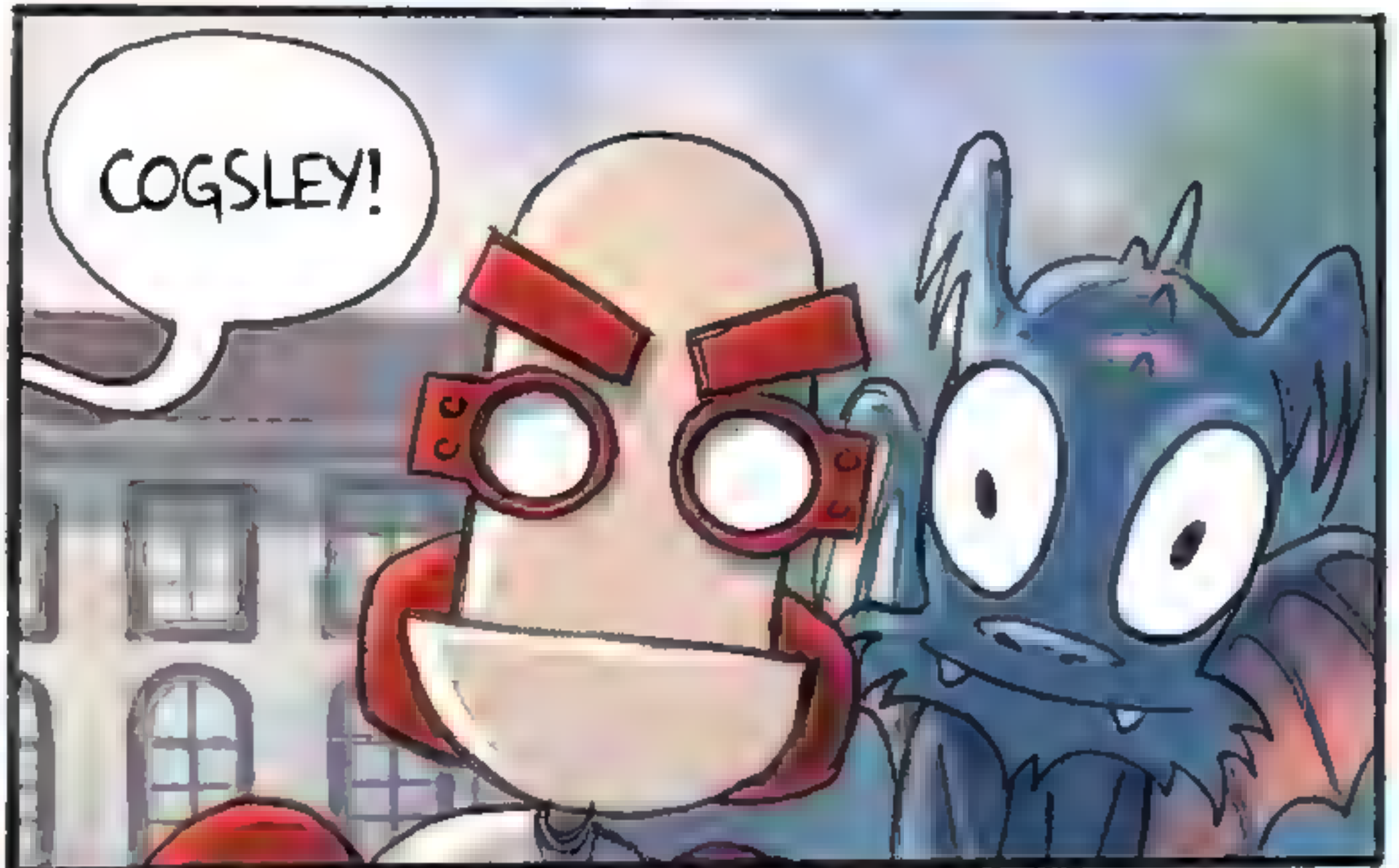






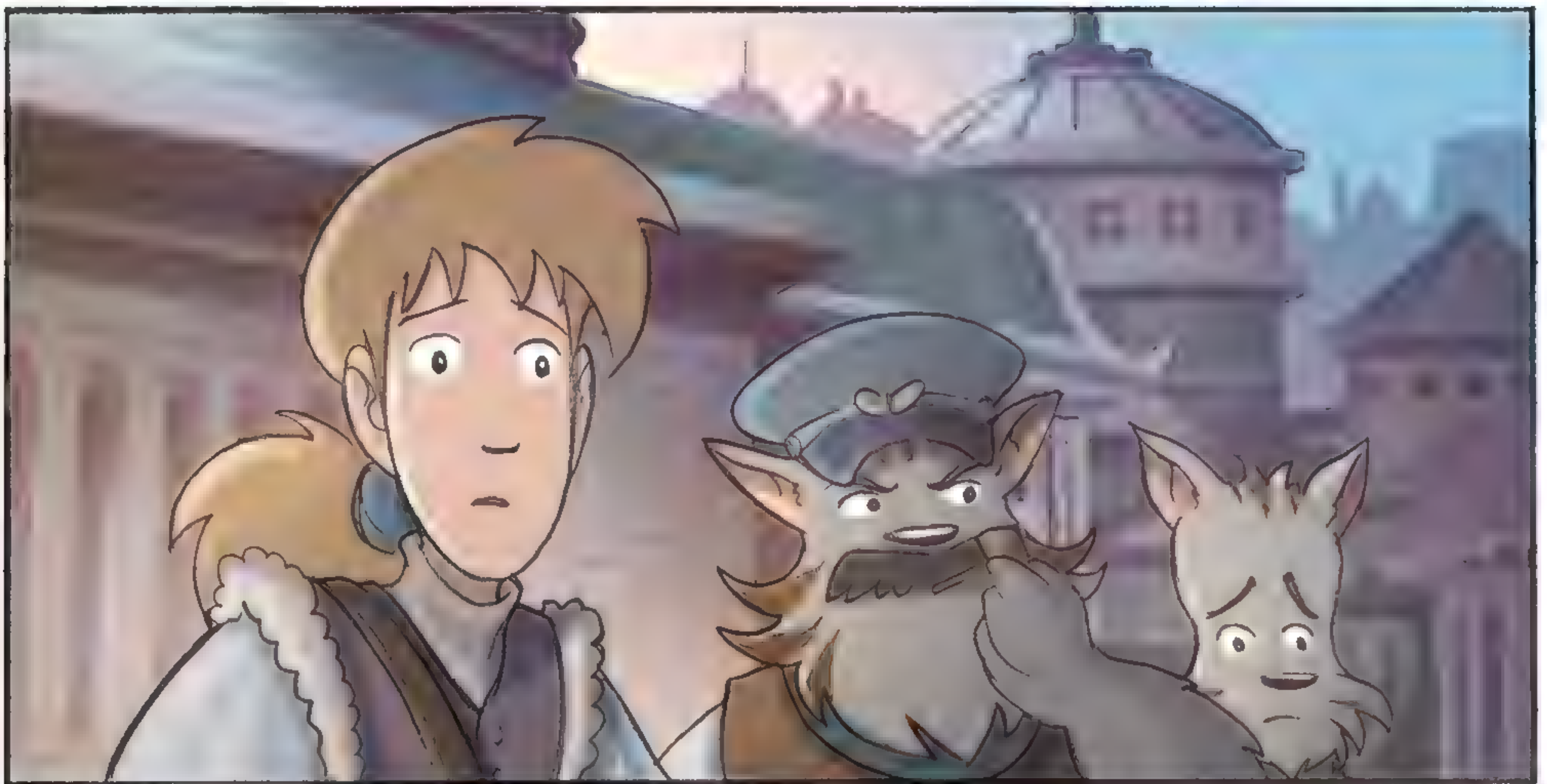






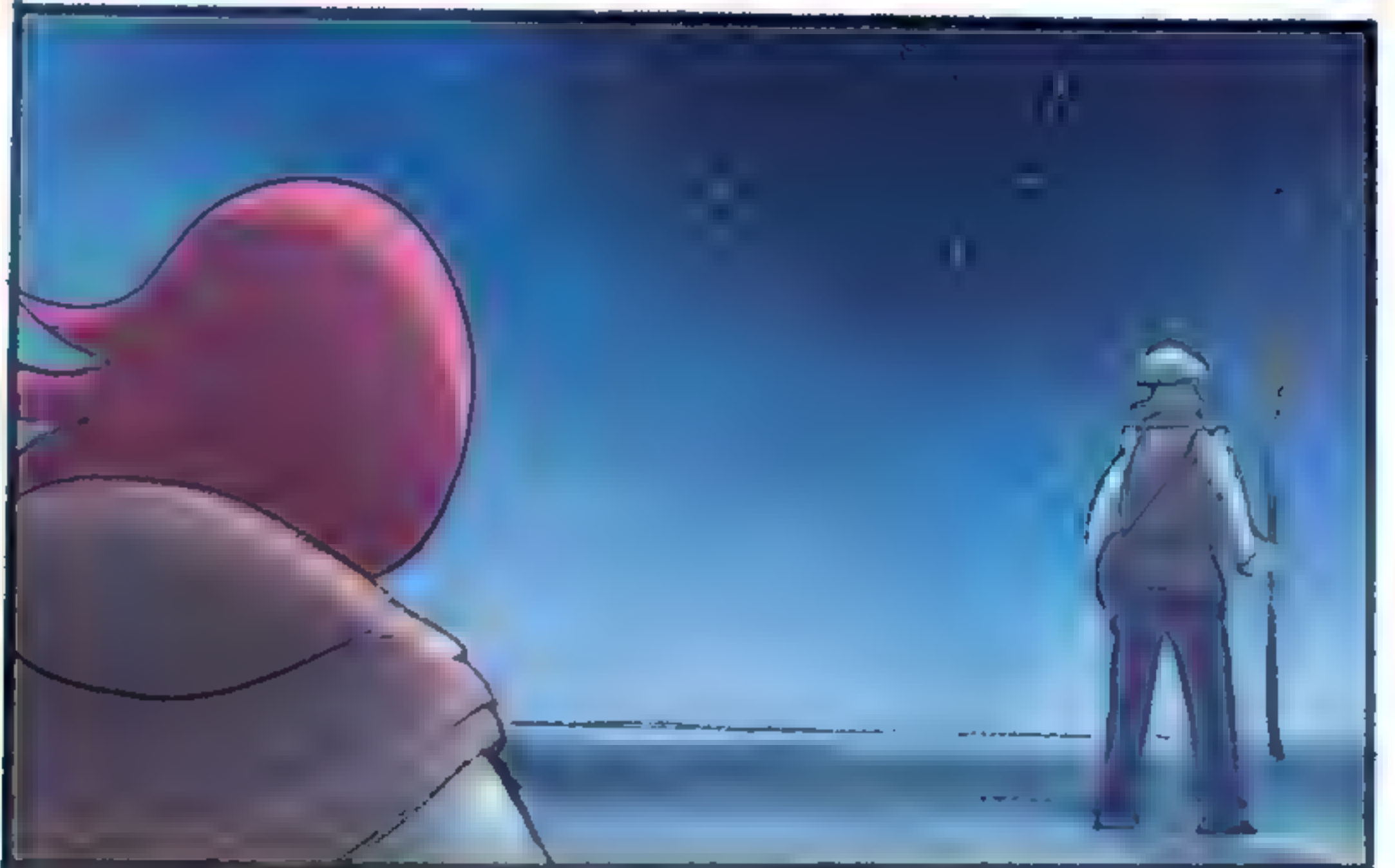
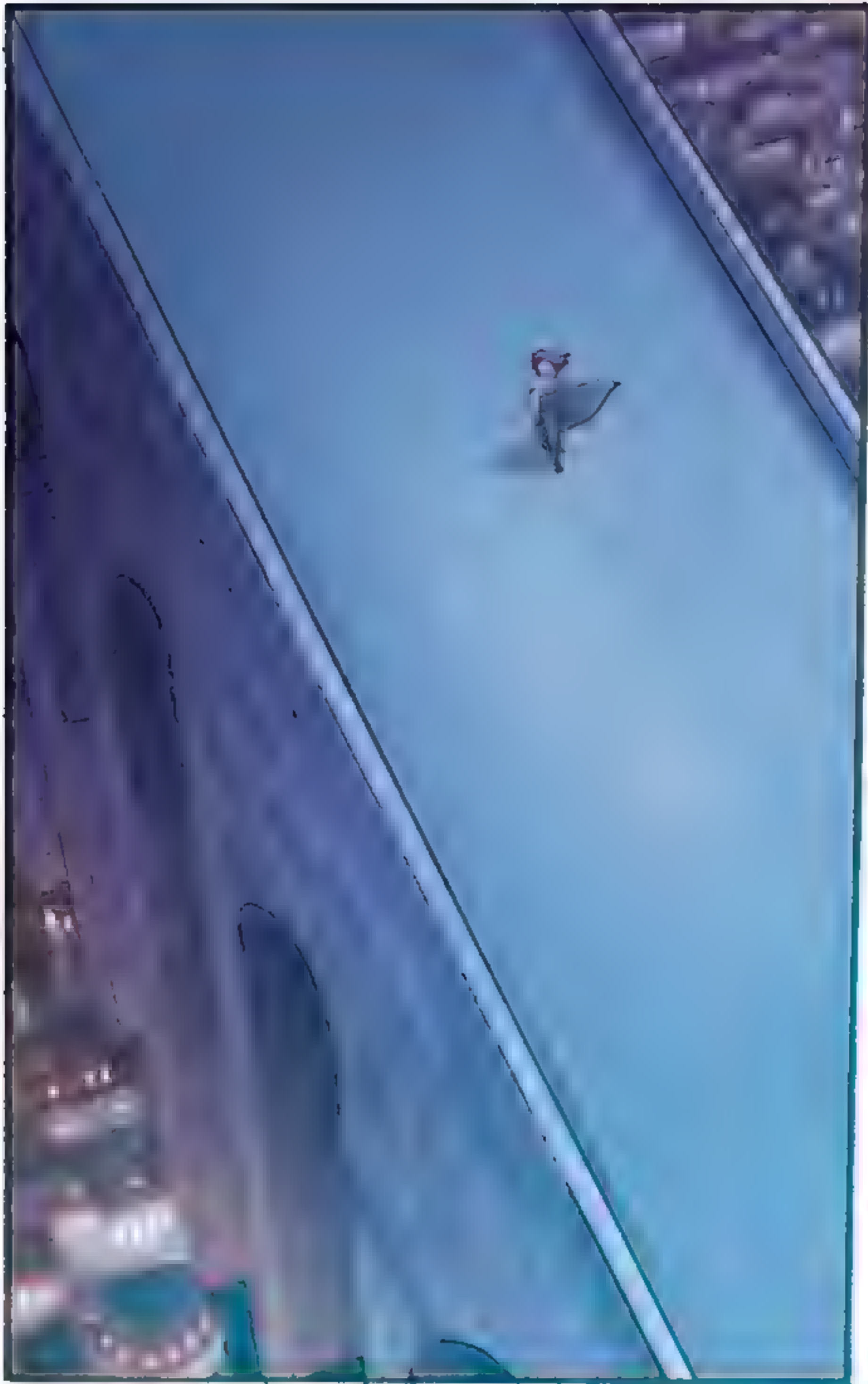
















ARE WE
THE LAST
ONES?



DO YOU MEAN
STONEKEEPERS?



THERE ARE
VERY FEW OF
US LEFT, TO
BE SURE.



IF MAX IS WORKING
WITH THE ELF KING,
HE CAN GRANT THE
ELVES ACCESS TO THE
MOTHER STONE.

THEY'LL BE
ABLE TO CREATE
A NEW COUNCIL
UNDER THEIR
CONTROL.



BUT WE'RE
THE LAST ONES
ON OUR SIDE.

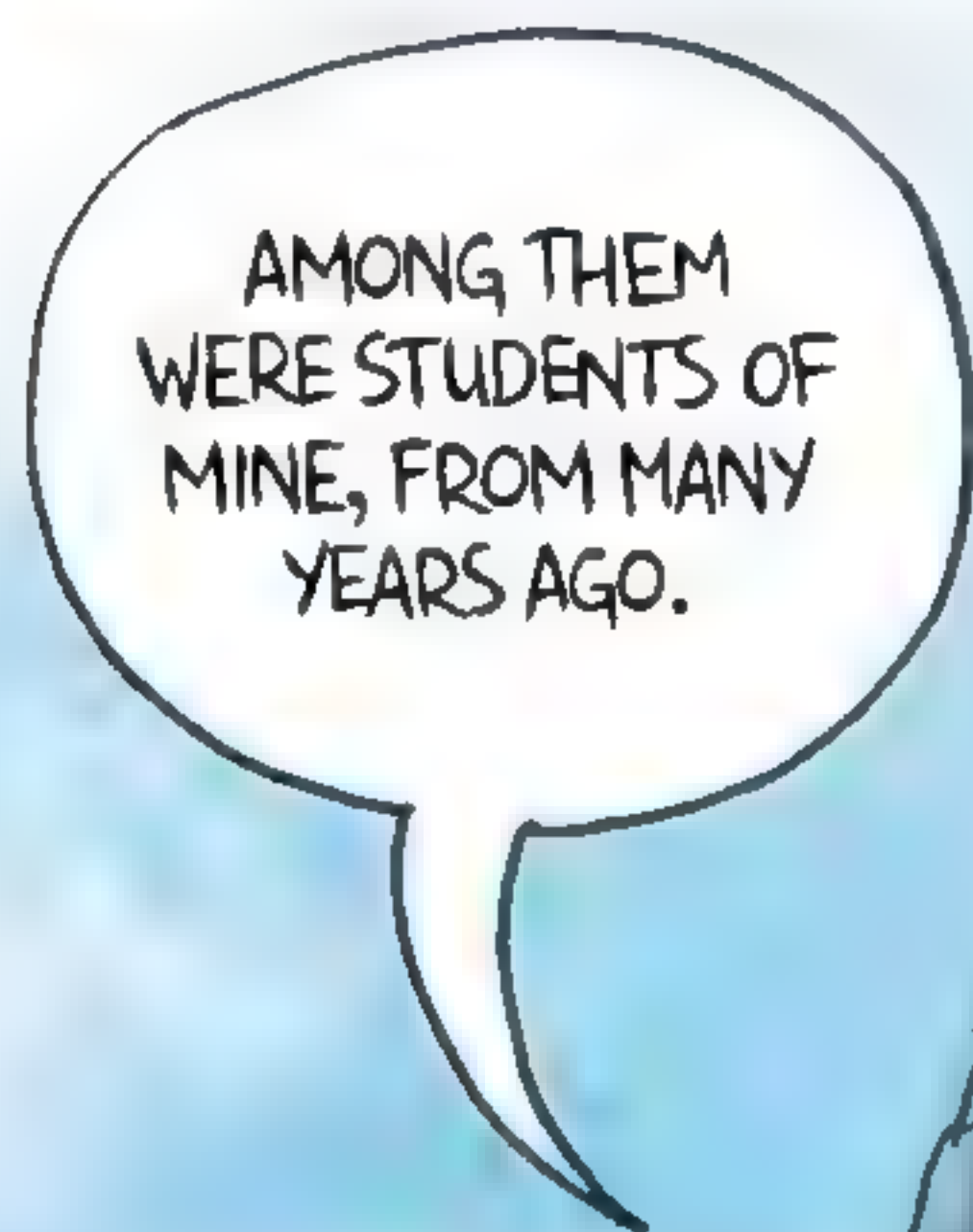


WE ARE THE
LAST GUARDIAN
COUNCIL.

AREN'T
WE?



BACK AT THE
ACADEMY, YOU
ENCOUNTERED THE
LIKENESSES OF
SEVERAL YOUNG
STONEKEEPERS.



AMONG THEM
WERE STUDENTS OF
MINE, FROM MANY
YEARS AGO.

RONIN
WAS MY BEST
STUDENT.

SHE WAS THE
YOUNGEST STONE-
KEEPER TO BE OFFERED
A PLACE ON THE
GUARDIAN COUNCIL.



SHE CHOSE NOT TO JOIN
THE COUNCIL, CLAIMING THAT
THE RESPONSIBILITY WAS TOO
GREAT FOR A PERSON
HER AGE.

RONIN WOULD HAVE
JOINED A COUNCIL WITH
SEVERAL OTHER POWERFUL
STONEKEEPERS...



BUT YOU'LL BE
JOINED BY AN OLD MAN
FAR PAST HIS PRIME, AND
WE'LL BE UP AGAINST
A VERY POWERFUL
ENEMY.

ARE YOU SURE
YOU'RE READY FOR
THIS KIND OF
RESPONSIBILITY?

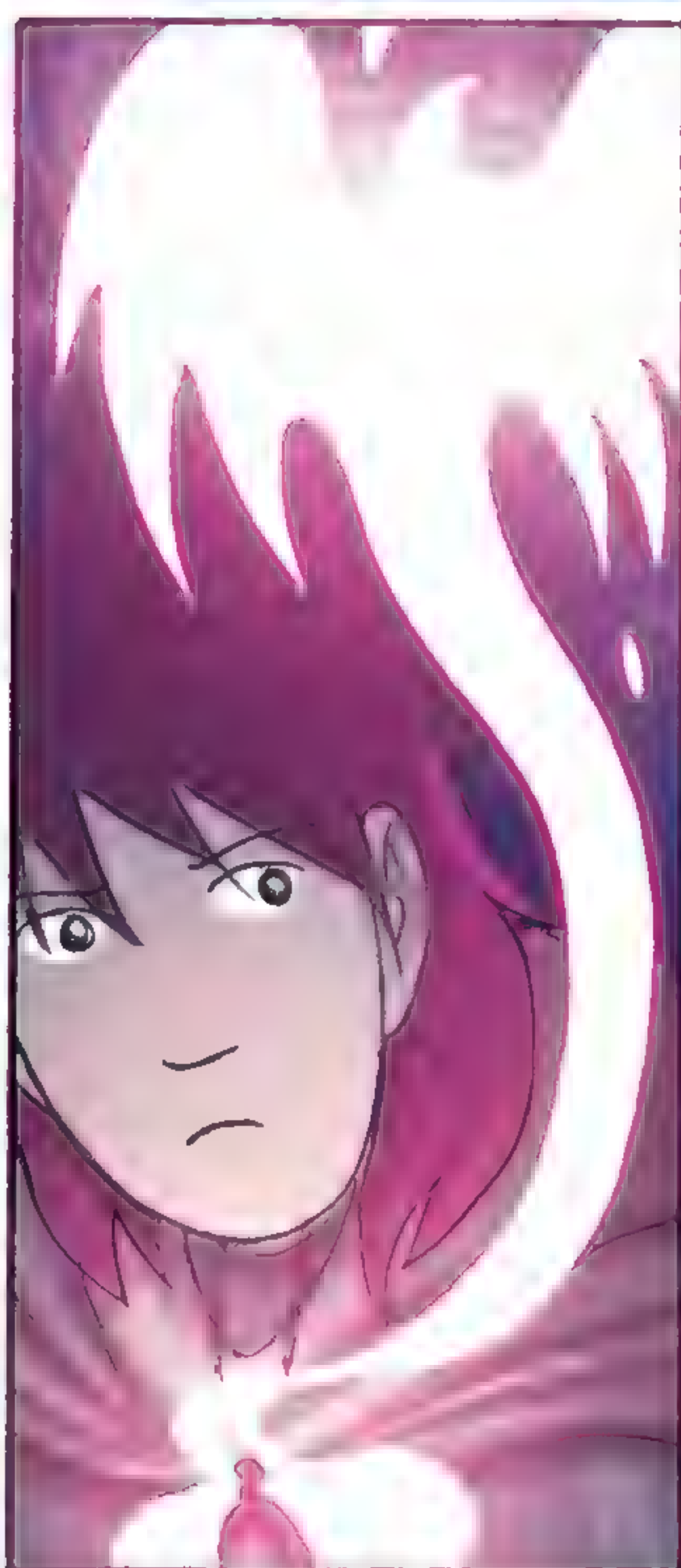
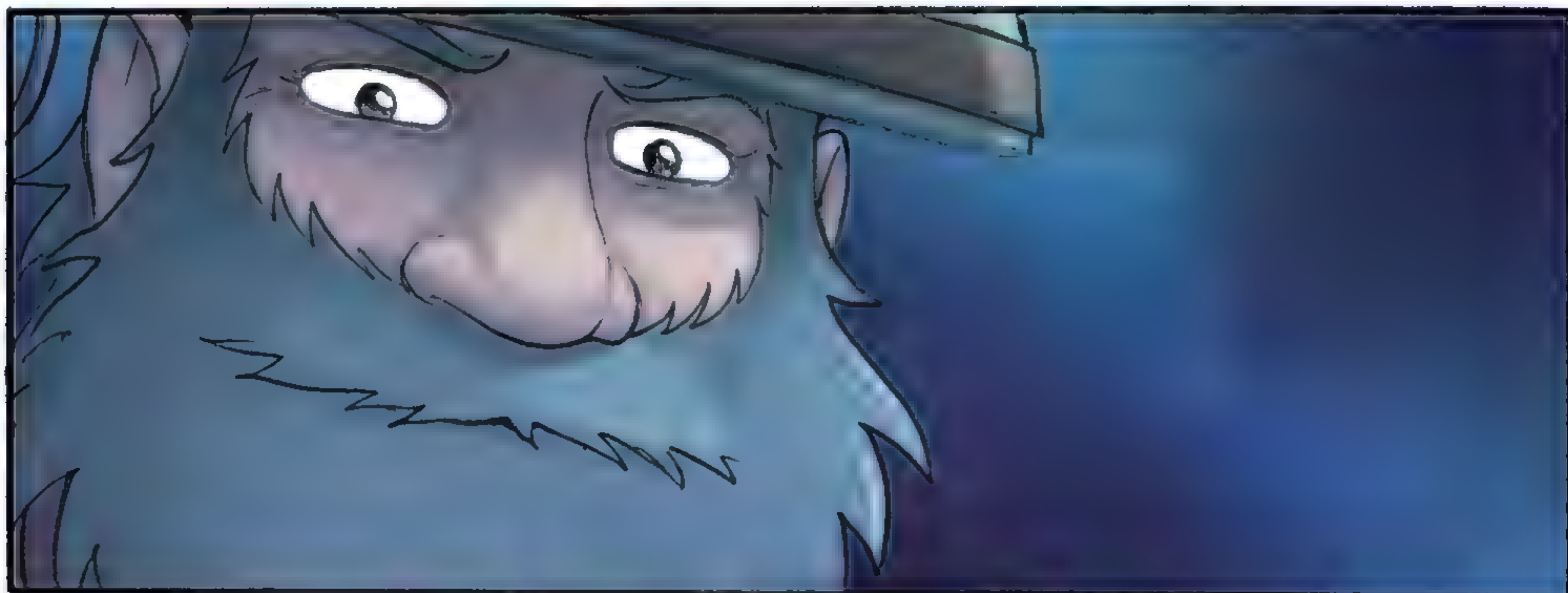


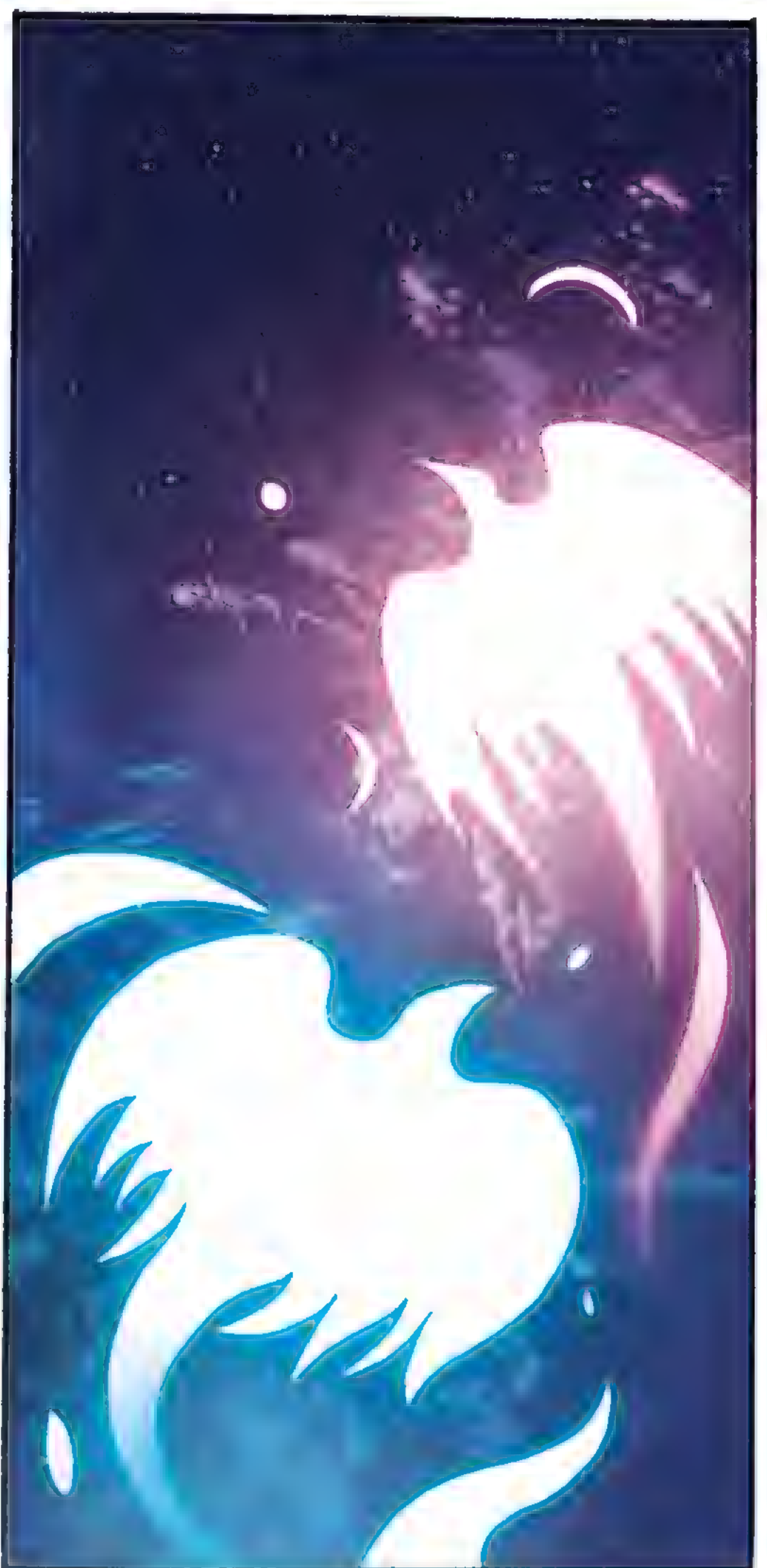
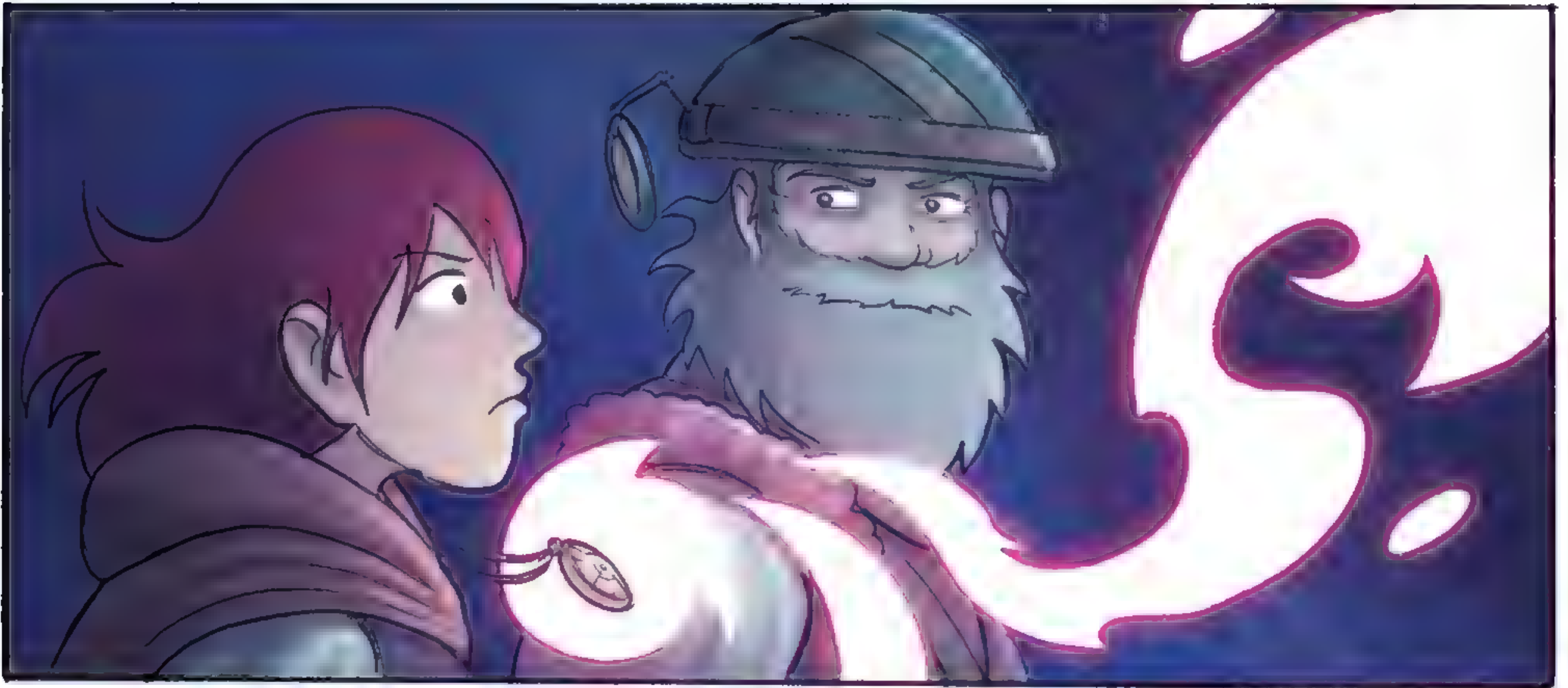
THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN HER AND
ME IS THAT SHE FELT
SHE HAD A CHOICE.



I MAY NOT
BE AS CLEVER
AS MAX,

OR AS
SKILLED AS
RONIN...





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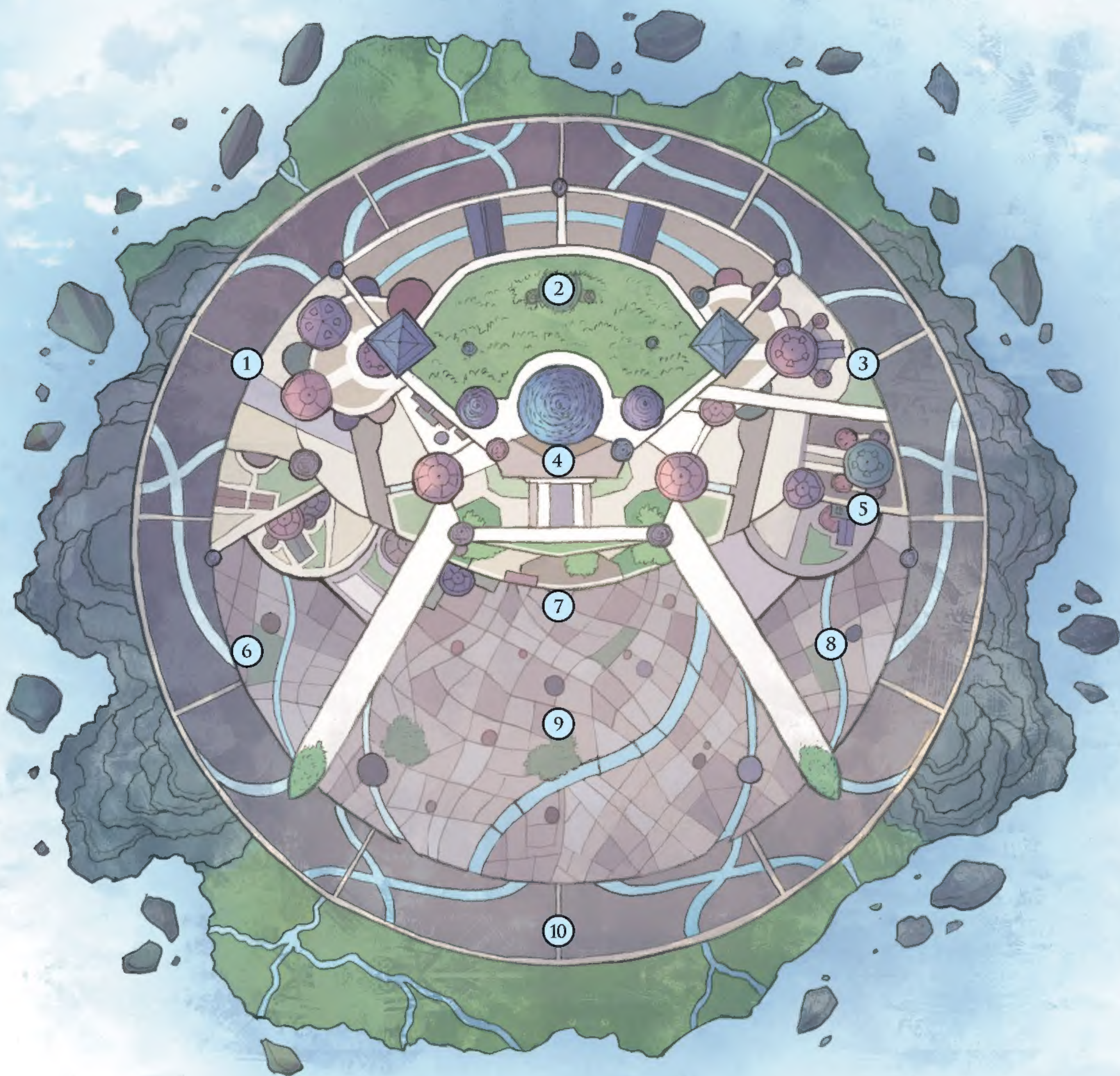
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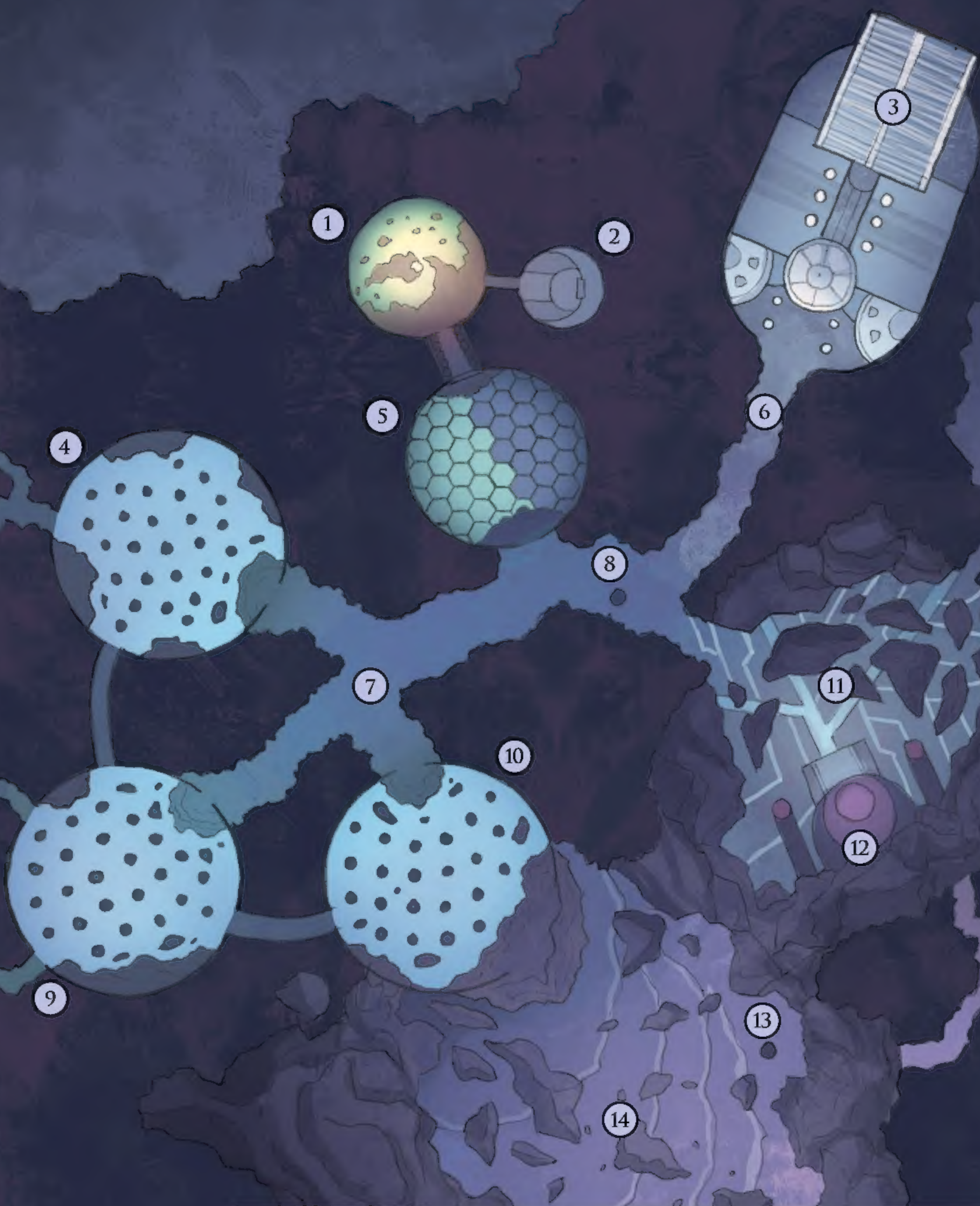
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| 1. ZEPPELIN KEEP | 6. SHIPBUILDER'S MARKET |
| 2. GARDEN OF KEEPERS | 7. AIRSHIP DOCKS |
| 3. GUARDIAN CASTLE | 8. NIMBUS SQUARE |
| 4. COUNCIL CHAMBER | 9. CIELAN SPAN |
| 5. YARBORO PRISON | 10. WATERFALL CORRIDOR |

CATACOMBS OF CIELIS



1. MOTHER STONE CHAMBER
2. STONECUTTER ALCOVE
3. GUARDIAN TOMB
4. STRATUS CISTERN
5. HEXAGON FIELD
6. STONEKEEPER CATHEDRAL
7. COLOSSAL HALLS

8. TRANSPORE
9. ALTO CISTERN
10. NIMBUS CISTERN
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